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Corrections Warm weather draws many to Hartwick Pines for Maple Syrup Day

officer arraigned

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Captain Michael L. Johnson, a 20-year veteran of the Crawford County Sheriff's Department, was arraigned in 83rd District Court on March 30, charged with Criminal Sexual Conduct - 4th Degree.

This section of the law specifically deals with conduct between inmates and law enforcement officials.

According to Sheriff David Lovely, Johnson resigned on March 25 after an incident he described as a "singular incident of inappropriate actions" between the officer and a female inmate lodged at the county jail.

Lovely could not elaborate on the details of the incident due to pending legal action against Johnson, but said, "He was a very good employee and a good leader. It is unfortunate that things like this happen."

An investigation by the Michigan Sheriff's Association Mission Team led to Johnson's arrest.

Lovely, who ordered the investigation, said it is the department's policy to call in a team from outside his department to handle situations such as this one.

At his arraignment, Johnson demanded a preliminary examination and waived the 14-day rule.

Johnson's preliminary examination is set for April 27.



Photo by Ian Van Walleghem

SPRINGTIME RITUAL - Visitors to Hartwick Pines State Park learned all about the process of making maple syrup during Maple Syrup Day on March 27. This is an annual springtime event at the park that includes tap the maple trees, drawing the sap, and the complete cooking process. For more on Maple Syrup Day, see Page 16A.

Downtown Development Authority public hearing set for May 24

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

On Monday, March 29, the Grayling City Council voted unanimously to amend its previously established schedule with regards to a Downtown Development

Authority (DDA) public hearing.

The council had voted on March 8 to hold the hearing on April 26. The 5-0 vote at the March 29 regular meeting reset the public hearing date for May 24.

The vote followed advice from a "panel of experts," including Dan Elliott, the city's DDA consultant, John Czarnecki, Michigan Director of Strategic Planning, and bond attorney Susan Wyngaarden.

All three agreed that it would be in the best interests of the council and the community to postpone the public hearing date.

Wyngaarden, Czarnecki and Elliott discussed many aspects of the DDA formation process at the meeting.

Czarnecki talked mainly about DDA financing, citing two major sources of funding: tax increment financing (TIF) and a tax levy.

TIF, according to the Downtown Development Act of 1975, "works on the premise that as underdeveloped property is improved, its increased value results in greater property tax revenues. These revenues may be captured and used to construct or improve public facilities."

Czarnecki said that since Proposal A was passed the DDA TIF cannot capture taxes from the school systems, and in addition, other local taxing authorities may "opt out," leaving the possibility of very little money being raised for the DDA.

Also, there is the risk that the values will not increase, at least for a period of time, which would also create a lack of funding for DDA projects.

Another funding option, he said, is a tax levy of up to two mills. The taxing would include all properties contained within the DDA boundaries, even residential areas. The mills would only be allowed to be used for operating costs, and not capital improvements, unless the city was to vote to make it otherwise.

Wyngaarden, an attorney, spoke mostly in regard to the legalities involved with the DDA formation process.

One of the common legal questions that has come up concerning a DDA in Grayling is the question of "declining value."

She said that by statute to form a DDA there must be evidence of "deteriorating condition," or as stated in an attorney general's opinion, a "decline in value."

Wyngaarden said this could be measured by comparing property values to the values in surrounding areas, and possibly those in other competing communities.

Elliott addressed another major issue, the DDA boundaries.

Several meeting participants said they would like to create the DDA boundaries right away by simply making it the whole C-1 and C-2 commercial district. Since the bounds could be made smaller later as more information is gathered, it couldn't hurt to make the designation and then pare it down from there, they said.

Elliott urged caution with regards to the DDA bounds, and suggested there be more discussion between all people involved. He said that if an area is omitted and needs to be included later it will be very much like re-doing the entire DDA formation process.

"You can't do anything outside the DDA bounds (with DDA resources)," said Elliott. "Amending the boundaries is basically going through the whole process again."

Elliott said he has been working on creating a map to work from for choosing the boundaries, but many factors still needed to be looked at, including historical areas, residential areas, and government buildings.

He was confident, however, that the legal "declining value" stipulation could be met.

Setting of the boundaries was the main question for the council on

Monday night, since in order to have a valid public hearing on April 26 legal notices would have to be published immediately, and the notice had to include a DDA map.

Council person D.J. Brown urged quick action, since the business community will have considerably less time to spend on the DDA matter after Memorial Day, once the tourism season kicks into full gear.

Mayor Ralph Stevens asked the

*"...it wouldn't hurt if
we slow things down."*
Mayor Ralph Stevens

three meeting guests to provide an official recommendation.

"April 26 is just too soon to do it right," said Wyngaarden.

Elliott agreed. "Without the bounds, don't do it on April 26. I wouldn't feel right recommending a boundary right now. There's more work that needs to be done."

"The council and community have to have a comfort level with those boundaries," said Czarnecki. "If you don't include something you have to go through the process all over again."

Spring ahead this weekend

by Ian Van Walleghem
Staff Writer

Clocks should be turned forward for Daylight Saving Time (DST) beginning on Sunday, April 4 at 2 a.m.

The purpose of DST is to provide longer daylight hours during the summer months.

DST is not a new concept. In 1784, when Benjamin Franklin was Minister to France, the idea occurred to him.

Franklin figured clocks could be reset to allow an extra hour of daylight during waking hours, thereby saving French shopkeepers one mil-

by Ian Van Walleghem
Staff Writer

Although it was a beautiful sunny day, snow was still on the ground as Hartwick Pines State Park presented Maple Syrup Day on Saturday, March 27, to the delight of many adults and children.

The day's activities included an on-going demonstration of the boil-down process, making "mokuks" (birch baskets for carrying and storing syrup) in the visitor center classroom, helping "build a tree," viewing of the film, *Maple Sugar Farmer*, as well as tasting maple sap and sugar.

Pure maple syrup production is the oldest agricultural enterprise in the United States. It is one of the few crops in which demand surpasses supply. The sweet sap comes from the sugar maple tree, found only in the northeastern United States and Canada.

The tapping of sugar maple trees takes place in late winter to early spring, when the weather provides warmer days and colder nights. The season is usually around February 15 to March 15. Once buds form on the trees, the sap becomes sour tasting. Freezing and thawing temperatures create pressure and force the sap out of the tree.

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Breakfast with the Easter Bunny



Photo by Cheryl Ruley

HIPPITY-HOPPITY EASTER'S ON ITS WAY - About 200 hundred people attended Breakfast with the Easter Bunny last Saturday at Hanson Hills. For more photos and highlights, see Page 15A.

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Junior Miss contestants earn scholarships

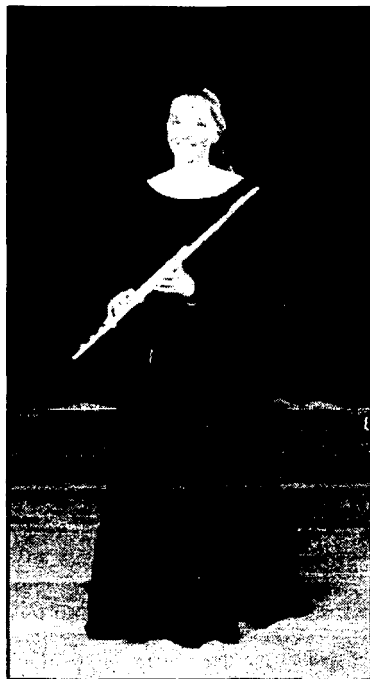
by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

A week-long visit to Alpena ended on March 20 with awards and scholarships for two local Junior Miss title holders.

Jessica Becks, 1998 Grayling Junior Miss, and Sarah Kaiser, 1998 Frederic Junior Miss, both came home winners after competing in the Michigan Junior Miss competition.

Becks, the daughter of Bob and Carol Becks of Grayling, was honored with the Performing Arts Award for her original improvisation on the flute of Dave Brubeck's *Take Five*. The award included a \$500 scholarship. She also earned a scholarship to Hope College which she will not be able to utilize as she plans to attend Alma College in the fall.

The 1998 Grayling Junior Miss stated that competing at the state level was a rewarding experience and enjoyed making friends with contestants from around Michigan. Most of all, Becks said, she enjoyed the relaxing times when the girls did their homework and studied together. She also liked spending time at the Cabin Creek Coffee Shop.



Jessica Becks

Overall, Becks said, "It was an excellent experience I will never forget. It was an honor to be able to participate in Junior Miss."

Kaiser, daughter of Gene and Penny Kaiser of Frederic, was honored with the pageant's Spirit Award

for capturing the true spirit of the Junior Miss philosophy. The award included a \$350 scholarship.

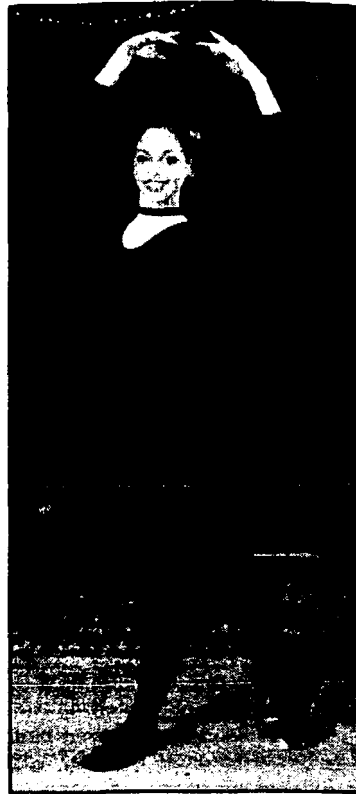
For the talent portion of the program, Kaiser performed a dance medley that included Riverdance and Lyrical stylings.

Kaiser was the 1st Runner-Up in the 1998 Grayling Junior Miss competition, entitling her to compete at the state level. Because all contestants at the state level must have a title, Michigan Junior Miss officials in Alpena gave her the title of 1998 Frederic Junior Miss, allowing her to represent her hometown.

While in Alpena, the 22 contestants were treated to a variety of educational experiences. Kaiser said she enjoyed the informative seminars offered, but really liked swimming and relaxing in the Holiday Inn pool with the many new friends she made.

"I would definitely encourage girls to participate in Junior Miss," Kaiser said. "It's a wonderful experience and an opportunity to grow and meet new people."

Local Junior Miss contests are open to high school girls in their junior year. Becks is now a senior at Grayling High School and Kaiser is



Sarah Kaiser

finishing her high school education through a home school program of the Noah Webster Academy.

Avalanche welcomes another staff writer

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

Beaver Creek Township resident Ian Van Wallegghem recently joined the staff of *The Crawford County Avalanche* as a Staff Writer.

"I'm very enthusiastic about the job opportunity," said Van Wallegghem.

Van Wallegghem moved to Crawford County in October of 1998. He is originally from Grosse Pointe, a suburb of Detroit.

He attended college at Loyola Marymount in California. Van Wallegghem has a degree in writing, a minor in journalism and some work in the college's film school.

Ian said he likes to write "many different things," and is currently working on several screenwriting

projects.

"There's quite a few (screenplays) I'm working on," said Van Wallegghem. "I'm doing the copy-right process now."

Ian said he also enjoys classic cars, jogging, and watching movies.

In addition to his *Avalanche* news stories, he would like to write a regular movie review for the paper.

NEW STAFF WRITER

(Right) Ian Van Wallegghem joined the editorial staff of *The Crawford County Avalanche* last week. He is very enthusiastic about writing for a local paper and will be covering a variety of news for our readers.

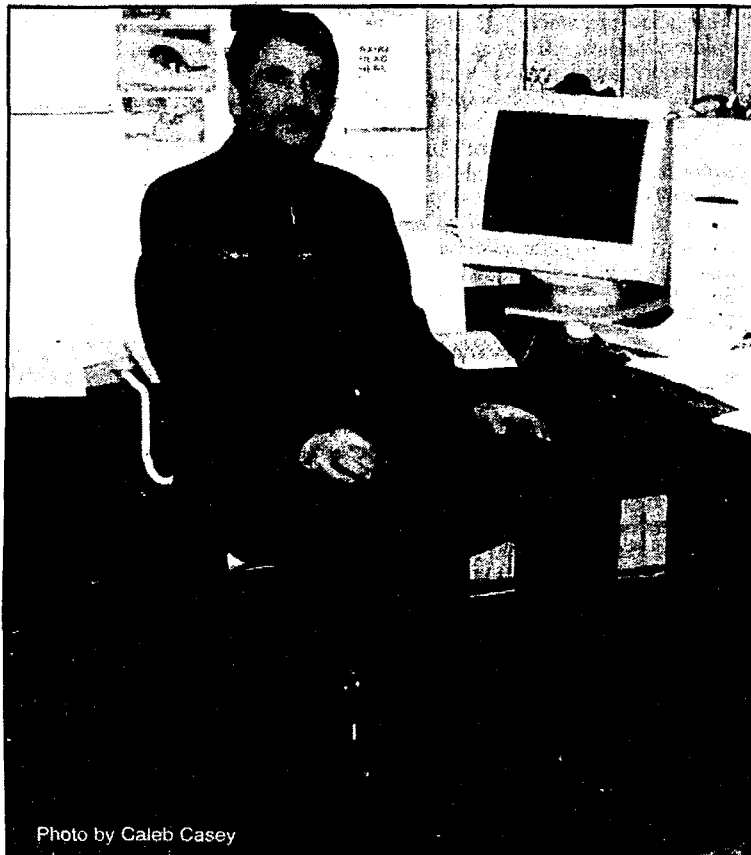


Photo by Caleb Casey

Taylor is intercollegiate forensics state champion

The 1999 Annual Michigan Intercollegiate Forensics Competition was held at Kellogg Community College in Battle Creek on March 19 and 20. The forensics teams from all Michigan public, private, and community colleges and universities were invited to compete in 9 categories of speech and debate.

Jeffery A. Taylor, Jr., a 1995 graduate of Grayling High School, entered as a senior, representing Central Michigan University

(CMU).

The Grayling graduate competed in three categories of speech: impromptu, extemporaneous, and after-dinner speaking.

Taylor was judged State Champion in all three categories.

He now advances to the National Intercollegiate Forensics Tournament in April of this year, held at Eastern Michigan University.

Taylor will soon be receiving a double undergraduate degree in

Organizational Communications and Political Science from CMU. He will begin a graduate assistantship at Central this fall.

Jeff Taylor is the son of Jeff and Candice Taylor, and grandson of Walter and Adaline Taylor, and Jewel Ward, all of Grayling.

Caution urged regarding dietary supplements

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is alerting consumers not to purchase or consume products, some of which are labeled as dietary supplements, that contain gamma butyrolactone (GBL).

The FDA has also asked the companies that manufacture these products to voluntarily recall them. The agency has received reports of serious health problems associated with the use of these products.

Products containing GBL are marketed under various brand names including Renewtrient, Revivart or Revivart G, Blue Nitro or Blue Nitro Vitality, GH Revitalizer, Gamma G and Remforce.

These GBL products are promoted with claims to build muscles, improve physical performance, enhance sex, reduce stress and induce sleep.

The Crawford County MSU Extension office is advising consumers to dispose of any products of this type in their possession and to contact a physician if they have experienced any adverse health problems from their use.

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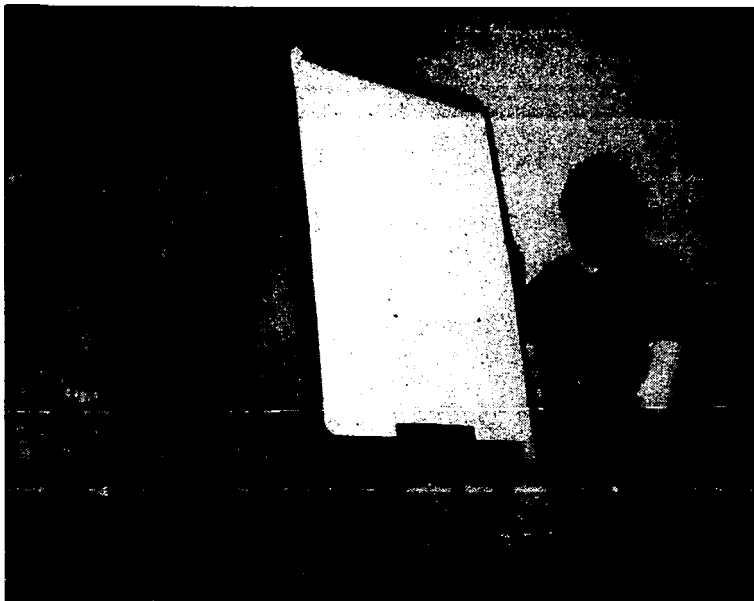
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New Pictionary Olympics champs crowned



DRAW! - Emcee John Jones entertains the crowd while Dr. Carolyn DiPonio awaits her moment to draw for her teammates at the 12th Annual Pictionary Olympics.

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Seventeen teams signed up for the 12th Annual Pictionary Olympics on March 19, raising funds for the 1999 AuSable River Festival Parade.

Master of Ceremonies John Jones opened the event at the

Grayling Knights of Columbus Hall with team introductions and the "bribing" of Judge Monte Burmeister and Judge Alton "Tom" Davis began, but they could not be "bought."

Jones chose words, ranging from easy to difficult, at random. Some of the words were: bear,

intermission, mascot, cease-fire and secret.

The Michigan Avenue Maniacs won the event with a total of 83 seconds spent guessing their four words. One member of the team, Fred Fisher, proved to be quite an artist when he got his team to say their fourth word, "cave woman," in 15 seconds, pushing them into first place.

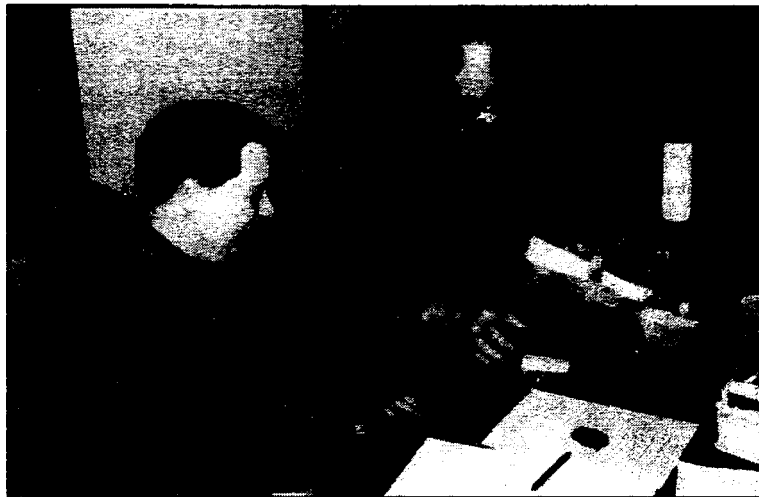
The Grayling Big Boy team members were newcomers this year and the youngest in age. They did very well for their first try at the competition, finishing in 10th place.

Also experiencing Pictionary Olympics for the first time was a

"Haven't Got a Clue" trophy for last place was team #13 - Scheer Motors - with 289 seconds. This team finished in 2nd place just one year ago.

Throughout the evening the judges were bribed with goodies and 50/50 raffle drawings were held. Knights of Columbus volunteers sold food and beverages, while more than \$1,200 was raised for the parade to be held in July.

Pictionary Olympic co-coordinator Deb Zelek said the success of the annual event can be credited to the generosity of sponsors and spectators, and hopes to see everyone back next year.



CAN'T BE BOUGHT - Pictionary judges Monte Burmeister and Tom Davis discuss the art of bribing the judges to contestants as they look over this year's offerings.

Photos courtesy of Grayling Promotional Association

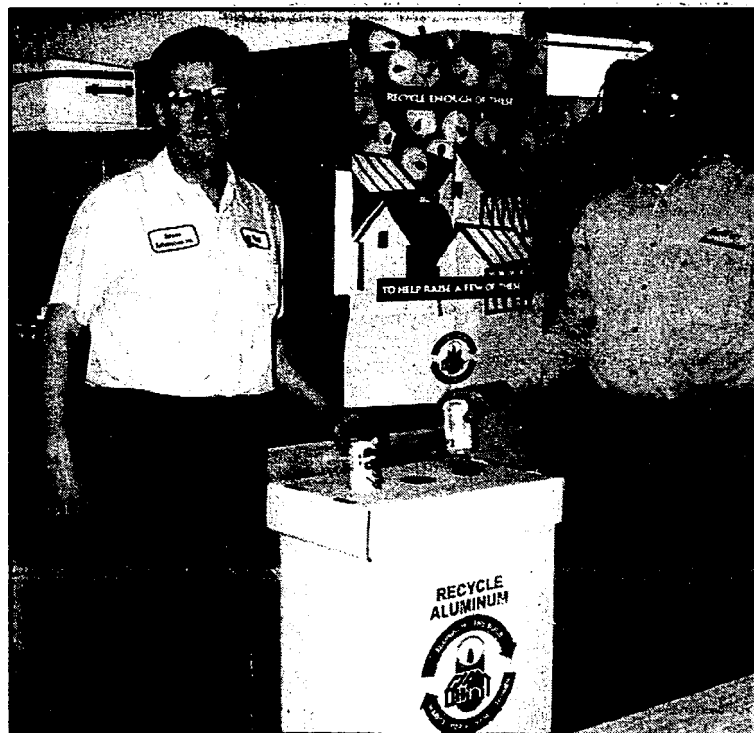
team from Riverland Gear, who after the first half, had a good chance to take home a trophy when they guessed two out of four words in 15 seconds. Unfortunately, their third word, "change," gave them some trouble. They finished in 8th place as a result.

Honored with the coveted

12th Annual Pictionary Olympics Final Standings

1st	Michigan Avenue Maniacs	83 seconds
2nd	Old Kent Bank - Graylord	86
3rd	Citizens Bank Team #2	108
4th	G.P.A./Sponsor C.S.I.	132
5th	Chemical Bank North Team #2	136
6th	Mercy Hospital Team #1	162
7th	Chemical Bank North Team #1	174
8th	Riverland Gear	195
9th	Cornell Realty	234
10th	Ellas Brothers Big Boy	247
11th	Citizens Bank Team #1	248
12th	Spike's Keg O' Nails	276
13th	Scheer Motors	289
14th	Century 21 River Country	Donation
15th	Summers Dealer Services	Donation
16th	Mercy Hospital Team #2	Donation
17th	Crawford County Courthouse	Donation

More businesses collect cans for Habitat



by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

About 20 businesses have joined a unique fund raising effort to benefit the Crawford County Habitat for Humanity.

Collection bins have been placed at area business so employees who enjoy a soft drink or two each day can contribute to the Habitat building program by depositing their returnables in designated bins.

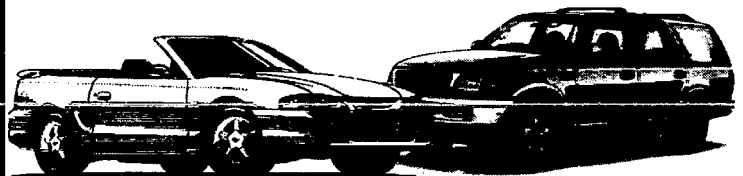
Volunteers from Habitat periodically visit the businesses, empty the bins, and redeem the deposit monies, using it toward building new homes in the community.

Barb Brooks, spokesperson for Habitat, said that the organization is encouraged by the response from the business community. "It is an easy way for anyone to contribute to a good cause," she said.

Jack Bickler, CFO and Treasurer of Air Way Automation, Inc. in Grayling, recently instituted a partnership with Habitat by placing collection bins in the lunch areas of each of his shops. "We're glad to continue supporting Habitat as we have in the past," Bickler said.

Businesses or organizations wishing to have a Habitat for Humanity collection bin in their establishment can call Brooks at 348-1132.

CAN-DO SPIRIT - Hal Lawnichak (left) and Jack Bickler (right) make their contribution to the recently placed Habitat collection bin. Employees at Air Way Automation, Inc. are participating in the aluminum can collection program to benefit the local chapter of Habitat for Humanity.



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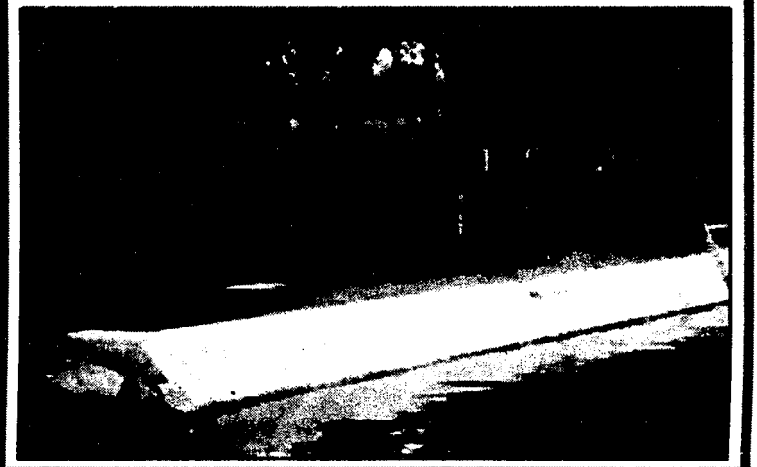
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Easter Sunday: Worship Service, 10:30 am

Mt. Hope Lutheran Church
Maundy Thursday: 7 pm, Community
Good Friday: 7 pm
Easter Sunday: Easter Sunrise Service with Holy Communion, 8 am • Breakfast, 9 am
Easter Festival Communion Service, 10:30 am

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Maundy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7 pm
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 8 pm - Midnight
Good Friday: Liturgy of the Lord's Death 1 pm
and at St. John Lutheran Church 7 pm
Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil Mass, 8:30 pm
Easter Sunday: Resurrection of the Lord Mass, 10 am

**Michelson Memorial United
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Maundy Thursday: Communion, 7 pm
Good Friday: Ecumenical Service, 12 noon - 1:30 pm
Easter Sunday: Services, 8:30 and 11 am
Easter Breakfast, 9:45 am

Grayling Assembly of God
Joint Good Friday: 7 pm, Cross walk from Elmwood Cemetery to Church. Meet at Cemetery
Easter Sunday:
Resurrection Celebration, 10 am

OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Balkan troubles fit into long history

THE UNITED STATES is off and running again, in pursuit of our recurring mission to make a little piece of earth a better and safer place for those who live there.

This time it's in the Balkans, where territorial and religious wars have been raging off and on for 1000 years or more, with borders of countries changing every few generations.

Now Serbia and Albania are warring again, using especially vile and destructive methods to establish territorial and sectarian dominance in the battered province called Kosovo.

This is the same area which spawned World War I. Left to its own devices of war and atrocity, the Balkans could repeat history.

And with so-called ethnic cleansing at its base, the current Balkan tragedy echoes an even more recent world-shattering events which could recur if left unchecked by outside sources. The horrors of the Holocaust are fresh in mind.

Should the United States join NATO in doing what is being done? It's not pleasant, and goes against the grain of most of us.

Our national interests in Kosovo many not be direct, but we do indeed have a genuine national interest in helping to maintain political stability in a volatile part of the world.

Perhaps most important, we do have a national interest in pursuit of universal humanitarian treatment for all peoples.

We should not stand by idly while thousands of people face possible extermination

because of religious or ethnic allegiances.

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THAT SAID, questions and concerns about our role in the Balkans continue to bother.

Nothing in our national memory prepares us to understand the historical bases for the deep seated territorial, ethnic and religious differences that permeate the Balkan countries.

The U.S. has just over 200 years of national memory. Once established, our borders have remained relatively constant. We have faced no outside invading armies seeking to take over our lands and destroy our civilization. Except for the tragedy of the Civil War, the United States homeland has been peaceful and secure.

Not so for Serbia or Bosnia or Albania or the rest of the Balkans. Political unrest is part of their common heritage.

That's one reason bombing by itself may be ineffective in transforming the will and the convictions of the warring parties.

Are we prepared to do more than bombing from a distance? Are we ready for ground warfare, and occupation forces and gradual troop withdrawal, if at all? Would the American people stand for it?

Apparently that's not part of our plan. In announcing the Kosovo action, President Bill Clinton said that U.S. ground troops would not go to Kosovo except as part of a larger NATO peacekeeping force, which remained only a contingency.

"I do not intend to put our troops in

Kosovo to fight a war," Mr. Clinton said.

Sen. John McCain of Arizona, who fought in Vietnam, had some words of caution.

"These bombs are not going to do the job," Sen. McCain said. "It's almost pathetic. You're just going to solidify the determination of the Serbs to resist a peace agreement."

"What you'll get is all the old Vietnam stuff -- bombing, pauses, escalation, negotiations, trouble."

Vietnam again? Let us pray it is not so. Sounds a bit like Iraq, too, doesn't it?

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Tax problem causes grief

To the editor,

Discussion topic last week in the Almanack feature provides a clue that could solve a mystery in my life for the past year.

Stated briefly, I've been battling the township supervisor and Board of Review over a whopping 125% (that's right, more than doubled) increase in assessed valuation on my Homestead Property. I've paid taxes on it for 54 years, but only the past 15 as Homestead, and have only had occasion to protest twice before this time. The Board of Review has an altogether different modus operandi since the last one 15 years ago. At that time, it seemed to be in the nature of an audit, that is, the members of the Board dealt with disputes orally and with no interference by the supervisor/assessor. Now they have an unpublicized written petition which the property owner has to request and fill out, in advance, stating the reason for protest and the amount he/she feels is equitable.

I was not informed of that at the time I appeared before the Board strongly asking for an explanation of that much increase, which is unlawful for existing occupancy status. The best alibi he could offer was that all parcels of 20 acres should be assessed near the same without having to make an on-site visual inspection. I told him my dwelling is an old 8' x 45' trailer house, virtually donated by a relative because he wanted it off his nearby land. It had been parked

there for 17 years without ever having snow shoveled off the roof in wintertime. Those of that vintage have only 2 x 2 rafters, thus they depreciate considerably more than a conventional dwelling. I've endured it while hoping to accumulate funds to build a conventional dwelling. To bring the meeting to a close, the supervisor began tapping keys on a computer and in about 30 seconds told me with an air of finality what my taxes would be.

My pick-up had stalled in a snowstorm 2 blocks from town hall. I had phoned for road service before going to the meeting and expected it would arrive soon, so had to leave.

Three weeks later, I was surprised to get a letter from the supervisor containing a copy of the aforementioned petition all filled out by him! Ignoring the stipulation in bold print at the top of the page that it was to be done by the *property owner* alone or by his/her agent. The reverse side of the petition is for the Board of Review action of the protest. It refers to the Board of Review as a committee made up of two members and a chairperson, the latter to be the assessor. Below that is the area, ruled into compartments, with little boxes to be checked whether the protest is accepted or rejected. Even though there is plenty of room on it, neither the members nor the chairperson are named, nor is there a place for their signatures. Why the secrecy? If their decision is valid and justified should they fear recrimination? The

offices they hold should be a matter of public trust and the citizenry should have the right to know what is going on.

I try to keep well informed but it has been my observation that people don't seem to confide their feelings about the amount of taxes they have to pay. Nonetheless, on the chance that I may have missed some announcements about changes in the township government, I began inquiring around and found I knew more than all of those I asked put together! I very shortly wrote to Allen Lowe about it and in due time got a reply with several pages of information from the Michigan Legislative Research Bureau and some of that was admittedly uncertain. Such as the date the Petition to Protest assessment came into general usage.

At least as far back as 1984, which was the next year after my last protest. But no mention of when the Board of Review became appointed, by whom and by what process of selection of candidates. Thus as the Almanack author said about people chosen to administer our public institutions of higher learning, why don't they wear a paper bag over their heads to insure better performance of duties. I have been bold enough to compare local government agencies with Ku Klux Klan kangaroo courts.

Stanley R. Pierce
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VIEWPOINT

by Larry Akers,
Crawford County Emergency Management

Citizens should prepare for Year 2000

The Year 2000 (Y2K) technology problem, or "bug" as it is sometimes called, was created in the early days of computers when memory in computers was scarce and expensive.

When the Year 2000 comes, programs that have been coded with two-digit codes will not distinguish between 2000 and 1900. If the program includes time-sensitive calculations or comparisons, results are unpredictable.

No one knows what problems may occur, how widespread they may be, or how long they will last. Everyone relies on computer systems and "imbedded" microchips for a variety of tasks in our daily lives.

The Michigan State Police Emergency Management Division (MSP-EMD) is the State agency with responsibility for coordinating state response to any emergency on behalf of the Governor's office. The MSP-EMD has formed a Y2K Coordination Team and is working with local emergency management officials so they may more accurately assess their local communities.

The Crawford County Emergency Management office will follow guidelines set up in the county Emergency Operations Plan for this just as it would any emergency.

The Emergency Management

Coordinator recently met with Crawford County government department heads to review steps that are being taken within emergency services and other offices in the county. The department heads are now in the process of identifying all embedded systems that may be susceptible and developing contingency plans.

As is the case with any possible emergency, the public should always keep themselves informed on the issue and take an interest. There is much misinformation being circulated concerning the Y2K problem and this will be the first in a series of articles released from the Crawford County Emergency Management office to help you become better informed.

Standard emergency management protocols advise the public to be prepared to be on their own for up to 72 hours in the event of any widespread emergency or disaster.

Although only local isolated problems are foreseen, the public should take some precautionary measures, including: extra supplies of food (that does not require cooking) and bottled water, a battery powered radio, flashlights, extra

blankets and clothing (and don't forget the can opener). You should also keep on hand a supply of special needs items like baby formula, diapers and prescription medication.

You should prepare for this just as you would for a major winter storm. FEMA and the American Red Cross have published several excellent booklets that can help you prepare you and your family for any emergency. These booklets are available in the lobby of the Crawford County Courthouse or the Emergency Management office in the county annex building.

The Emergency Management office will try to assist you in any way possible whether it be by furnishing these booklets, answering your questions, or presenting a program for your group or organization. For more information call 348-4911, Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

In the coming weeks you will learn more about what is being done by government and private agencies to prepare for the year 2000, what you should do at home, which rumors are true and which are false, and where you can locate additional information.

Shoppenagon an asset

To the editor,

Our organization, The Tahquamenon Club, recently had our winter weekend meeting at the renovated Shoppenagon Hotel. The facilities and service were great and contributed to a wonderful weekend in Grayling.

The city of Grayling is fortunate to have the Shoppenagon renovated

and preserved as a historic place. The food was outstanding as was the service and desire to serve their customers. We truly hope the city and citizens of Grayling support the efforts of this new business.

Dale E. Confer
President - The Tahquamenon Club Inc.
Bridgeport, Michigan

Stupak honors Lowe

Hon. Bart Stupak
in the House of Representatives
Tuesday, March 2, 1999:

• Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute today to Allen Lowe, a former representative to the Michigan House of Representatives from the 105th Representative District, which includes five counties in my congressional district.

• First elected to the House in 1992, Allen Lowe has just concluded his service in that body because of the Michigan term limits law. This law was enacted at the will of the voters of Michigan, but I have to confess that in this case I believe the law has turned out of office a dedicated public servant who was deeply concerned about the welfare of his constituents.

• I know that Allen traveled extensively throughout his district, because I pride myself on returning to my district each week to participate in community events, and many times I found Allen attending the same events.

• Allen Lowe was a legislator with deep convictions, and although I did not always agree with his position on issues, I have always had the greatest respect for

the way in which he presented and defended these convictions. Like myself, Allen was a graduate of Cooley Law School. Like myself, he was a pro-life legislator. And like myself, he was not afraid to challenge Michigan's governor on issues that he believed would be detrimental to his northern Michigan constituents, despite that fact that Allen and the governor were members of the same political party.

• Allen brought to his job a broad involvement in community issues. He has been a teacher and school administrator, and he involved himself in activities and organizations that served his Michigan district, including the Michigan Farm Bureau, the Camp Grayling Conservation Club, and the Friends of Hartwick Pines.

• I will miss doing parades with him, debating issues, and, as always, working with him on issues of importance to his state representative district.

• I believe the people of the 105th Representative District were well-served by Allen Lowe.

submitted by
Art Thayer

Letters to the Editor

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In observance of Good Friday, April 2nd the Crawford County Avalanche business office will be closed between the hours of noon to 3 p.m.

BRIEFS

Tabernacle offers Good Friday services

Good Friday services will be held at the Burning Bush Tabernacle, Friday, April 3 at 12 noon. Communion will be served and all are welcome and encouraged to attend. The Tabernacle is located on Michigan Avenue in Grayling.

Gospel Notes perform at Abundant Life

The Abundant Life Tabernacle of Grayling will host the Southern Gospel singing group, The Gospel Notes, on Saturday, April 3 at 7 p.m. and Sunday April 4 at 11 a.m. The church is located at 211 Shellenbarger Street, just down from Burger King on State Street. Everyone is welcome. Call 348-5325 for more information.

Michelson offers Ecumenical service

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, located at 400 Michigan Avenue in Grayling, will be the site of an Ecumenical Good Friday Service. The service will be divided into three 30-minute sections. Visitors will have the option of staying for the whole service, or choose the 30-minute section that best fits their schedule: 12 noon to 12:30 p.m.; 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m.; or 1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Master Gardener discuss landscaping

The Master Gardener Society will meet on Monday, April 12 for Landscaping, presented by Advanced Master Gardener Jean Schneider. The group meets 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Lyon Township Hall. Everyone is welcome to come and have some landscaping questions answered or get some new ideas. For more information call (517) 275-5832.

Briney to speak at Kiwanis luncheon

Jim Briney will be the guest speaker at the Kiwanis Club of Grayling regular meeting on Monday, April 5, beginning at 12:10 p.m. at Shoppenagon's Inn. Briney will talk about the Downtown Development Authority whose official hearing will be held on May 24. Guests are welcome to attend.

Northland Area Credit Union helps kids

Northland Area Federal Credit Union is working to help children in the community. Through the "Credit Union For Kids" program, they will be helping non-profit Children's Miracle Network (CMN) hospitals help hospitalized kids. Northland will sell balloons during the month of April for a \$1 donation, with a company goal being set at \$1,500.

Act now to control Gypsy Moth

Now that the signs of spring are becoming more evident, it's time to begin thinking about the control of Gypsy Moth on your property, especially if you have any amount of oak or poplar trees.

Egg mass surveys performed late last fall indicate that there could be areas of high population of Gypsy Moth in Crawford County this summer. The moderate winter we just experienced supports that concept because winter kill of the egg masses will be relatively light.

The time to consider the control of Gypsy Moth is right now, not in June when the caterpillars start to annoy you. By then it is too late.

Gypsy Moths can be effectively controlled if spraying is completed while the moths are in their earliest stages of development, usually late May. Aerial applicators are right now planning their spray schedules.

Gypsy Moth can best be controlled by an aerial application of Bt, which is a non-toxic, naturally occurring bacteria found in the ground.

Bt affects only caterpillars that are in their early stage of development. There is no environmental danger to the application of Bt.

Property owners interested in the control of Gypsy Moth may call 348-5187 for more information.

Local electric co-op leader honored

Warner Cheyne, of Grayling, was named a recipient of the Michigan Electric Cooperative Association's (MECA) Special Recognition Award during the group's annual meeting March 23 in Lansing.

Cheyne was honored for invaluable service to and support of rural electrification, having served on the MECA board of directors, as a MECA board officer, and in service on many MECA committees, which benefitted from his leadership and dedication.

Cheyne also served for many years on the board of the former Top O' Michigan Electric Company, Boyne City, before it became part of Great Lakes Energy Cooperative, which is headquartered in Boyne City and Newaugo.

MECA is the service organization for Michigan's 10 electric cooperatives, which provide electricity to the homes and businesses of more than 600,000 people in rural areas covering half the state.

Grayling Gus Macker sign-up ends April 8

Grayling will be hosting its own Gus Macker three-on-three basketball event on the weekend of April 17-18.

The deadline for registration will be April 8, 1999. Brochures can be picked up at Grayling Middle School, Grayling High School, 7-Eleven, Glen's and the Chamber of Commerce.

The cost for entrance into the tournament is \$110. Up to four people can play on one team. Teams are guaranteed at least three games, and all players receive a full-color Gus Macker T-shirt. Winning teams will be awarded trophies.

The games will be held indoors, at both the Grayling Middle School and Grayling High School.

Concessions will be available at both indoor locations.

The tournament itself is double elimination, and teams losing their first two games will move into a bracket called "The Toilet Bowl."

Volunteers are still needed to help with various tasks, and court sponsorships are still up for grabs. Anyone interested in becoming involved with this spring's Grayling Gus Macker should contact tournament coordinator Doug Hinkle at 348-5214.

Educational event planned for local kids with diabetes

A fun, social, educational event for kids with diabetes is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Saturday, April 24 at the Grayling Holiday Inn.

Northern Michigan Diabetes Kids' Day allows kids to participate in activities with their peers to raise awareness about their disease while having fun in the pool and playing with friends.

"A lot of kids really look forward to this event every year," said Mary King, Health Education Coordinator at Otsego Memorial Hospital. King, who is a member of the Michigan Organization of Diabetes Educators that sponsors the event, said it's one day a year where kids get to play and have fun and become educated about diabetes.

Dr. Michael Wood, a pediatric

endocrinologist from Grand Rapids who specializes in diabetes, will help participants and their parents understand that one can live a normal life with diabetes.

Throughout the day, children will learn about making healthy food choices and managing their daily activities to keep a balanced blood sugar level.

Games, prizes, and swimming will be incorporated into this fun event.

Children and parents alike will enjoy the opportunity to meet and talk with their peers about their experiences related to diabetes.

Children in Otsego and surrounding counties who have diabetes are encouraged to register for this free event by April 16.

For information, parents may call 1-800-942-8601.

Youth Bowling to host end-of-season banquet

The Grayling Youth Bowling League will hold its annual end-of-the-season Awards Banquet on Saturday, April 17, at Grayling High School's Joseph Stripe Auditorium. The event will begin at 5 p.m.

This year's theme is "50's and 60's Rock & Roll," and participants should feel free to dress for the occasion.

Dinner will include hamburgers and macaroni salad, as well as beverages and many other dishes.

There will be dancing following the awards ceremony and dinner.

Please RSVP (348-8094) if you plan to attend so that dinner may be planned for accordingly.

Card of Thanks

A warm thank you to all of my friends who supported me in so many ways during the Michigan Junior Miss program. Your cards, gifts, presence, and prayers reminded me that I didn't need a title to be a winner. Who could ask for more than what I already received from you! It was an honor to represent the community of Grayling. May God bless you all!

Jessica Becks
Grayling Jr. Miss 1998



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THURS 1	•TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) @ Mercy Hospital Riverside Room, 5 pm. For more information call Joanne 348-4416. •GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ Grayling City Hall, 8pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information. •BEYOND THE GARDEN WALL CLUB meeting at Michelson Memorial Church, 7 pm. For more info. call 348-7905. •AUSABLE VALLEY SNOWMOBILE Association meeting @ Grayling Holiday Inn, 7 pm. •MERCY AMICARE HOSPICE SERVICES Bereavement support group at St. Mary's Learning Center, 702 Peninsular 3-5 p. For more information call Mary Beth Dettling, 1-800-424-1457.
FRI 2	•GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon & 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information. •GOOD FRIDAY
SAT 3	•HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE EASTER!
SUN 4	•GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information. •ATTEND THE CHURCH of your choice today. •EASTER
MON 5	•KIWANIS CLUB meeting @ Shoppenagon's Inn, 12 noon. •GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon & 8 pm @ Frederic Township Hall. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.
TUES 6	•GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information. •GPA MEETING @ Shoppenagon's at 12 noon. •CRAWFORD COUNTY RESOURCE COUNCIL meeting @ Mercy Hospital private dining room, 12 noon. •AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY meeting @ Citizens Bank, 1 pm. •REGULAR MEETING OF NORTH CENTRAL AREA CHAPTER 19, State Employee Retirees Assoc., will be held at the Houghton Lake Community Building, beginning at 2 p.m. Guest speaker Dan Nowak.
WED 7	•ROTARY MEETING @ Patti's Towne House, 12 noon. •WEIGHT WATCHER'S meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, M-72 West; weigh-in, 4:45 pm; meeting, 5:30 pm. For more information call Mary, 348-5306. •GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.

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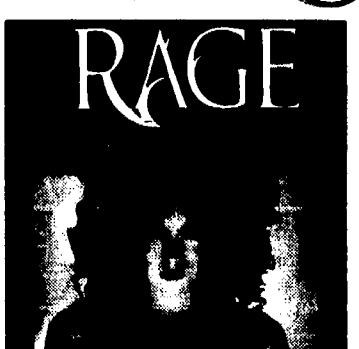
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The Bible Speaks

Fat Rights

In a nation astounded with growing victimhood there may soon be a new class of human rights for fat people. San Francisco already bars discrimination on the basis of race, religion, color, age, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity (a category created to protect transsexuals), disability or place of birth. Interest in a new law to protect fat people was prompted by a local 24 Hour fitness club which placed a new billboard above a city freeway depicting a leering, alien face and carrying the message "When they come, they will eat the fat ones first." The San Francisco Board of Supervisors later proposed adding overweight people to the list of those legally protected from discrimination and ridicule.

Our fitness crazed age does treat all fat as bad or evil leading to extremes like anorexia, bulimia and other eating disorders. The Bible teaches us that fat is a gift of God's blessing. Sacrifices to God included both fat and blood. (Leviticus 17:6) (Leviticus 3:16) "And the priest shall burn them upon the altar: it is the food of the offering made by fire for a sweet savour: all the fat is the LORD'S." Blood is also sacred because the life of the flesh is in the blood. (Lev 17:11). Therefore, God's people have been instructed not to eat fat or blood.

(Leviticus 7:23b) "... Ye shall eat no manner of fat, of ox, or of sheep, or of goat." Abstaining from blood is repeated also in the New Testament (Acts 15:20,29).

God used the word fat in the Bible to favorably describe His blessings upon His saints. (Psalms 92:14) "They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing." (Proverbs 28:25) "He that is of a proud heart stirreth up strife: but he that putteth his trust in the LORD shall be made fat." (Proverbs 15:30b) "... A good report maketh the bones fat."

Yet, fat resulting from the practice of gluttony is wrong. (Proverbs 23:2) "And put a knife to thy throat, if thou be a man given to appetite." Yet, even our perfect Lord was falsely accused of gluttony by a perverted society. (Luke 7:34) "The Son of man is come eating and drinking; and ye say, Behold a gluttonous man, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners!" Even the fat of the sacrificial lambs was considered without blemish. And the body of our Lord Jesus Christ was perfect in God's eyes.

Special human rights laws endanger all future freedoms by using force to conform human behavior into changing subjective morals. Such laws passed

with the best of motives will not change the human heart.

We need less emphasis on special "rights" which divide us, and more emphasis on God's universal, unalienable rights which united our forefathers in the Declaration of Independence. We need a return to God's royal law and golden rule. (James 2:8) "If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well:" (Luke 6:31) "And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise." God has a better method to teach us how to be good neighbors! God's royal law and golden rule appeal to love and compassion within the human heart. God's social harmony can bless America with higher laws, with a minimum loss of individual human freedom and dignity.

Pastor "B" Please pray for the ministry of this column and our church Websites at <http://freeway.net/~cba/> and at <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Ranch/1263/>

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Hamilton and Fauble engaged



Sherry Hamilton and Michael Fauble

Sherry Hamilton and Michael Fauble, both of Cadillac, wish to announce their engagement.

Sherry is the daughter of Bill and Phyllis Hamilton of Grayling.

Mike's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Fauble, and Betty Fauble, all of Cadillac.

Sherry is employed as a cost analyst with Michigan Rubber Products of Cadillac.

Mike is the owner of Fauble's Printing Service, also in Cadillac. A June wedding is planned.



Don't be late for church this Sunday be sure to turn your clocks ahead 1 hour April 4th!

Church Directory

Pilate sought to release Jesus, but the crowd cried, "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend." So he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood. See to it yourselves." Matt. 27:24. In failing to act, Pontius Pilate sentenced Jesus to death.

To often in our society, we fail to follow our convictions for fear of ridicule or reprisal. Perhaps we are merely complacent. Whatever the reason, we must act so that Jesus can live through our example.

Easter Sunday is such an appropriate time to begin our lives anew. As Jesus arose from His grave, may we also choose to experience a rebirth of the spirit. Celebrate Easter at your chosen place of worship. The sign of the Cross will lead you to Jesus.

The Sign of the Cross



"You ask me how I know I know He lives... He lives within my heart."

Easter hymn

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Matthew 28:1-10	Matthew 28:11-20	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	1 Corinthians 15:12-34	1 Corinthians 15:35-58	1 Peter 1:1-12	1 Peter 1:13-25

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209 First St. - Suite 103 - Gaylord
Sunday Service..... 10:30 am
April through October
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Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church
Pastor Jeffrey Jaggers
400 Michigan Ave. • 348-2974
Sunday Worship..... 8:30 & 11 am
Sunday School - Sept. - May: 9:45 to 10:45
Sunday Radio Ministry..... 8 am, 101.1 WQON
Coffee Fellowship..... 12 noon
Bible Study (Wed.)..... 10 am

Seventh Day Adventist
Pastor Jeff Arthur
Phone 348-4033

Services held Saturday at Camp AuSable off M-72 East (1st building on right inside camp entrance).
Church Service..... 9:30 am
Sabbath School..... 10:30 am
Prayer Meeting Tues..... 7 pm

Burning Bush Tabernacle
Pastor Patricia Petrie, 348-1278
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling
Sunday School..... 10 am
Sunday Service & Children's Church..... 11 am
Sunday Evening Service..... 6 pm
Monday Prayer Meeting..... 7 pm
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7 pm
Thursday Discipleship Class..... 7 pm
Significant Singles Monday..... 7 pm
Healing Services Saturday..... 7 pm

Grayling Assembly of God
Rev. Ron Voelker, Pastor
701 S. I-75 Business Loop
Church 348-8885 • Parsonage 348-2588
Sunday School..... 9:30 am
Morning Worship..... 10:30 am
Evening Service..... 6 pm
Wednesday - Family Night
Adult-Youth-Children..... 7 pm

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
President Larry A. Cook
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Sacrament..... 10 am
Sunday School..... 11 am
Primary..... 11 am
Priesthood..... 12 noon
Relief Society..... 12 noon

Emma Lowery United Church of Christ
Pastor, James Briney
3474 West Park Road
Sunday Worship..... 11 am
Adult and Youth Sunday School..... 9:30 am

Heritage Baptist
Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.
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Sunday School..... 9:45 am
Morning Worship..... 11 am
Evening Worship..... 6 pm
Wednesday..... 7 pm

St. John Lutheran (ELCA)
Pastor Robert Faber
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348-5224
Sunday School..... 9:15 am
Sunday Worship..... 10:30 am
Nursery is available

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Church School..... 9:45 am
Praching..... 11 am
Midweek Service Prayer..... 7 pm

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Morning Worship..... 11 am
Evening Service..... 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:30 pm

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Calvary Baptist Church
Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor
M-72 West
Sunday School..... 9:45 am
Morning Worship..... 10:30 am
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Mid-Week Services
Wednesday..... 7 pm
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed.)..... 7 pm

Church of Christ
Larry Turner, Minister
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Sunday Classes..... 10:30 am
Sunday Worship..... 11:15 am
Sunday Evening..... 6 pm
Wednesday
Mid-Week Bible Study..... 7 pm

Bear Lake Christian
M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd.
Sunday School..... 9 am
Sunday Service..... 10 am

The Church of Christ with the Eliza Message
Pastor Dohn E. Weaver
7662 Kelly Ave., Frederic
Sunday Worship..... 10 am & 7 pm
Wed. Prayer Service..... 7 pm

Abundant Life Tabernacle
Pastor Lyle Studer
211 Shellenbarger St. • 348-5325
Sunday School..... 10 am
Sunday Worship..... 11 am & 6:30 pm
Wednesday Evening..... 7 pm

Grayling Baptist Church
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Pastor Terry Colby
Meeting at Hanson Hills • 348-2557
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Wednesday Service..... 7 pm

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Pastor Fred Coates
506 North Birch St., Kalkaska
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Sunday School..... 10 am
Worship Service..... 11 am & 6 pm
Family Training Hour and Prayer
Wednesday..... 7 pm

Lovells Chapel
Pastor Rev. D. Dean Coursey
Sunday School..... 10 am
Chapel Service..... 11 am
Wednesday Prayer Meeting..... 7-8 pm

Free Methodist
Joseph Carpenter - Pastor
6652 W. Kalkaska Rd. (M-72 W.) • 348-5362
Sunday School..... 10 am
Morning Service..... 11 am
Evening Service..... 6 pm
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Mt. Hope Evangelical Lutheran-Missouri Synod
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Sunday Morning Worship..... 11 am
Sunday Evening Worship..... 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7 pm

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Sunday School..... 10:30 am

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Answers to last-minute tax questions

If you have some last-minute questions about filing your tax return, you're not alone. Hundreds of taxpayers flock to IRS help lines at this time of year. But to alleviate some of your tax-related anxiety, here are some common questions and answers from the Michigan Association of CPAs.

My tax return won't be ready until April 15. What's the best way to get it to the Internal Revenue Service?

Use the U.S. Postal System. As long as your return is postmarked on April 15, it will be accepted on time. You also may use specifically designated delivery services, such as FedEx, Airborne Express, DHL Worldwide Express and United Parcel Service. You also have the option of filing it electronically, but to do so you must have a computer, modem and the right tax preparation software or hire a CPA who can file it for you.

What documents should be included with my tax form?

Generally, the only forms that need to be attached are W-2 and certain 1099 forms.

I found a mistake on one of my

1099 forms and haven't received a corrected one yet. What should I do?

You have two choices. Either pay the amount of tax that is due and file for an extension or file your return and send an amended return later with an explanation.

How do I get an extension to file my tax return?

All you need to do is file Form 4868 to obtain an automatic extension to August 16, 1999, eliminating late-filing penalties. However, you'll still need to include any taxes you owe with your request for an extension.

What if I can't pay the balance of my taxes by April 15?

If you can show undue hardship, complete and mail Form 1127 on or before April 15 to extend the time of payment for up to six months. Your application must be accompanied by evidence supporting undue hardship, a statement of assets and liabilities, and receipts and disbursements for three months prior to the original due date of the return.

If you don't think you'll be able to pay off your outstanding tax bill

in full within six months, you can file Form 9465 to request an installment agreement. However, you will be charged interest on your outstanding tax balance. As an alternative, you may want to consider getting a loan from a family member, friend or bank.

If the Internal Revenue Service finds that I made a mistake and paid too little tax, will I be subject to any penalties?

That depends on the mistake. You may have to pay an accuracy-related penalty if you underpaid your taxes because of negligence or disregard of rules or regulations or because you substantially understated your income. In the eyes of the IRS, the underpayment is substantial if it is more than the larger of 10 percent of the tax required to be shown on the return or \$5,000. The accuracy-related penalty is equal to 20 percent of the underpayment.

If I overpaid my taxes in error, how can I get a refund?

Simply file an amended return and either request a refund or apply all or part of your overpayment on your original return to your estimated

taxes. If you choose to get a refund, it will be mailed to you separately from any refund indicated on your original return.

How much time do I have to amend my return?

In general, you have three years after the original timely return was due or filed, or two years from the date the tax was paid, whichever is later. Generally, failure to file an amended return within this time frame prevents you from receiving a tax refund, no matter how valid your claim.

Will I earn any interest on money I get back from the IRS?

As long as the IRS issues you a refund within 45 days of the time it was filed or 45 days from when your return was amended, you won't receive any interest. After 45 days, interest will be paid up until the date the refund is paid.

I'm getting back a big refund from the IRS this year. What can I do to change that?

You need to complete a new W-4 Form and claim more exemptions. Doing so will essentially result in less tax being withheld from your paycheck. However, before doing that, make sure you consider whether you'll have any extra sources of income in 1999 that could boost your tax liability. For example, if you anticipate some large mutual fund distributions or dividends from stocks, you'll owe taxes on those amounts in addition to the taxes on your regular income.

Businesses alerted to counterfeit credit cards

Credit card fraud has become one of the world's most lucrative crimes. There is reportedly over \$1 billion in losses to businesses globally. One of the greatest threats involves counterfeit credit cards.

Counterfeit credit card fraud has direct links to organized crime, according to a United States Postal Service hand-out. As much as 90 percent of all counterfeit credit card fraud is either committed by, or can be traced back to, organized crime.

Businesses are advised to be alert to customers who:

- Make purchases without regard to size, price or color;
- Ask questions about the "floor limit" and then make purchases that almost reach that limit;
- Arrive or hurry to a clerk near closing time;
- Purchase a large item and insist on taking it with them;
- Pull the card out of a pocket,

rather than a wallet or purse;

- Tell you that their drivers license is in the car or does not have one;
- Or, make an excuse for the card not swiping before you attempt to swipe it (the majority of counterfeit cards will not swipe).

Clerks and business owners are also advised to check the credit card for irregular printing or spelling errors, as well as checking to see if the name on the card matches the person using it. When reviewing a second piece of identification, such as a drivers license or other photo I.D., be sure to compare such details as sex, age, or ethnic background to the person attempting to use the card.

Customers using counterfeit credit cards will attempt to make the transaction as legitimate as possible. If you have any suspicions about the transaction, the credit card, or the customer, ask for photo identifica-

tion.

If a customer flees, write down a detailed description of the person and vehicle, if possible, then phone the police. Call 911 if you feel a fraud is in progress.

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Driver license photos aren't for sale

Secretary of State Candice S. Miller is reassuring Michigan residents that Michigan driver license photos are not for sale, stating her office will not sell or release driver license photos to private companies under any circumstances, as is happening in other states around the nation.

The Secretary of State offered the

reassurance following news reports that three other states, including South Carolina, Colorado and Florida, have entered into contracts with Image Data of Nashua, New Hampshire, to sell driver license photos. In all three instances some or all of the state's driver license photos have been released to the company.

"As we move down the information highway, government must constantly evaluate how it uses technology," Secretary Miller said today. "We must be vigilant when it comes to protecting personal privacy and honoring the public's trust."

"It was out of concern for personal privacy that we asked the Legislature to specifically prohibit

me and any future secretary of state from releasing Michigan driver license photos to anyone other than law enforcement."

Historically, the Michigan Vehicle Code prohibited the secretary of state from keeping copies or negatives of driver license photos. When Secretary Miller asked state lawmakers to authorize the new Michigan driver license, she also asked that the protections for photos be continued.

"We can also use driver license photos to investigate cases of suspected fraud," Secretary Miller added. "Already, we have one instance in which our investigators were able to identify a suspect who will be prosecuted for fraudulently obtaining a driver license using someone else's name."

Michigan's chief motor vehicle administrator acknowledged that Image Data contacted her office about the possibility of purchasing Michigan driver license photos.

However, once the firm was told that Michigan law prohibits the sale of photos, no formal request was received.

"We are absolutely ahead of the curve on this issue," Secretary Miller said today. "Our goal is to use technology in a way that benefits our customers, not violates their privacy."

Bolt to Bed benefits babies

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

With sewing machines humming and colorful squares of fabric coming together, a quilting bee took shape.

Three teams of four ladies each, along with a "floater" to assist the teams with odds and ends, took part in the semi-annual Bolt to Bed quilting event on Monday, March 29 at the Icehouse Quilt Shop in Grayling.

Shop owner Jill Wyman said that quilters from all over Michigan stitched all day long, competing to see which team could finish their two baby quilts first.

The quilters are volunteers who get together a few times each year to make quilts for good causes. During this Bolt to Bed event, the ladies made quilts that will be donated to a pregnancy crisis center.

Wyman started the benefit quilting bees three years ago in order to share the cozy works of art with those in need.

"It's fun to see how the ladies compete among themselves to complete their quilts," said Wyman. "We really have a lot of fun."



LABOR OF LOVE - Volunteer quilters stitched all day long at The Icehouse Quilt Shop on March 29, making baby quilts for a pregnancy crisis center.

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Dr. Shin retires after 6,000 deliveries

by Ian Van Wallegghem
Staff Writer

After 13 years of service to the Grayling area, Dr. Sangkyu Shin will be retiring on March 31, 1999. Shin, an OB-GYN, (obstetrics and gynecology) has delivered approximately 2,000 babies in Grayling. He started his practice in Mt. Clemens and remained there for 13 years, prior to coming up north. "I wanted to live in a small town and have a peaceful life," said Shin.

He was born in Sengcho, Korea in 1941 and grew up in the small town of Anui, Korea, with a population of about 3,000. Graduating from Yonsei University Medical School in 1965, he immediately served as a military physician in the Korean Navy from 1965-1968.

Dr. Shin explained that he found child delivery to be the most exciting, fulfilling, and rewarding element of his practice. When asked what were his greatest accomplishments in the medical field, Dr. Shin explained that he "became a tool for God to create new life." Helping new life being born was also his greatest challenge, insofar as the birth process can be stressful for both mother and doctor.

In 1989, Dr. Shin became reborn, accepting Jesus Christ in

Christianity as his faith. He contends that his belief has been most important and rewarding in dealing with the obstacles of daily life.

When Dr. Shin arrived in Grayling, he was the only OB-GYN in town. There had been two previous doctors, but both had departed by 1986.

He delivered 4,000 babies in Mt. Clemens before deciding on small town life. Shin was the chairman of the OB-GYN Department at Mercy Hospital, Grayling from 1986-1996. For the first ten years, he was the only OB-GYN in Grayling. Shin said, "I am happy about the two (current) obstetricians in town, who will continue to give good care to patients."

Dr. Shin is proud of the good rapport he maintains with his patients and the nice people of the north.

He said that a few patients still come up from Mt. Clemens for regular check ups in Grayling.

Shin plans a move to Philadelphia in the fall to be near his wife's family and friends. His plans include volunteer and medical missionary work at least once a year. He will also find time to enjoy some skiing and work on his golf game.



Photo by Ian Van Wallegghem

DOCTOR RETIRES - After 13 years of service to the women of the Grayling community, Dr. Sangkyu Shin is retiring.

Scholarship scams grow on the Web

Scholarship frauds on the Web are growing as fast as you can make a web page.

The Federal Trade Commission's investigation into several companies revealed 175,000 alleged victims involving over \$22 million in fraud.

Senator Spencer Abraham, R-

Michigan, said he would like to make "scholar scam" companies pay up. He plans to introduce legislation to make scholarship fraud a federal crime with tough penalties.

Some red flag statements to watch out for are:

• "You are guaranteed a scholar-

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• "This is the only place to give out these scholarships"

• "Your credit card will hold a scholarship for you"

• "We do all the work"

• "You will need to pay only this amount of money"

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Experts recommend using only certain Web sites or talking to high school or college counselors to look for a scholarship. Two sites recommended by Michigan State and Wayne State Universities are: www.fastweb.com and www.finaid.org.

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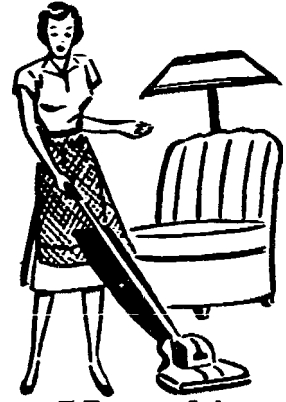
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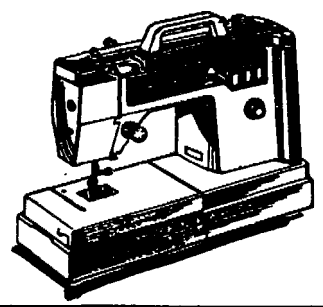
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Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Mansfield

Stephanie L. Schenk and Dennis L. Mansfield were married October 10, 1998 at the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church in Grayling.

The reception was held at the Officers Club, Camp Grayling.

The bride is the daughter of William and Evelyn Schenk of Luzerne. She is a 1992 graduate of Mio AuSable High School.

The groom is the son of Richard and Betty Mansfield of Grayling. He is a 1986 graduate of Grayling High School and a 1991 graduate of Michigan State University.

The Maid of Honor was Molly Murphy. Bridesmaids included Kerry Ann Schenk, Jaime Carpenter, Kimberly Gunst and

Sarah Gunst.

The Best man was Jeff Hayes. Groomsmen included Pat Moore. John Miller, David Mansfield, and Michael Mansfield. Ushers were Douglas Mansfield and Ryan Schenk.

Special music was provided by Christopher Swan and Ellyn Davey. The groom surprised the bride by singing "And so it goes".

The bride is currently employed as an Emergency Representative at Crittenton Hospital in Rochester, Michigan. The groom is currently employed in retail management with Meijer stores in Ann Arbor.

The bride and groom currently reside in Ann Arbor.

OBITUARIES

Rene' J. Fortier

Rene' J. Fortier, 69, of Johannesburg died Wednesday, March 24, 1999 at the Medical Center in Houston, Texas.

Mr. Fortier was born October 27, 1929 in Detroit, the son of the late Omer and Germaine Fortier. While living in Detroit he was self employed as a builder and designer. Moving to Johannesburg 25 years ago, Rene' owned and operated the Riverside Tavern in Lovells for 22 years.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Charles and Claude Fortier.

Survivors include: his wife, Esther of Johannesburg, four daughters, Nancy (Duane) Lewis of Pontiac, Kathy Fortier of Ortonville, Carol (Lynn) Binger of St. Ignace, Denise (Matthew) Burris of Sunbury, Ohio; two sons, Larry (Nadine) Fortier of Redford, Michael (Diane) Fortier of Columbiaville; one step daughter, Mary (Lance) Fleming of Carmel, Indiana; two step sons, John (Mary Lou) Hurd of Aptos, California, Richard (Denise) Hurd of Madison, Wisconsin; eleven grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; nine step grandchildren; one sister, Rajeanne (Roger) Talbot of Phoenix, Arizona; three brothers, Pierre Fortier of Detroit, Robert Fortier and Andre Fortier, both of Howell.

Memorial services will be held Friday, April 9, 1999 at 11:00 a.m. from the Nelson Funeral Home in Gaylord. Rev. Gregory Kurutz officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery in Johannesburg.

Friends may call at the Nelson Funeral Home on Friday, April 9, 1999 from 10:00 a.m. until the time of services.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association, through the Nelson Funeral Home, 135 N. Center, Gaylord, Michigan, 49735.

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It's been about two years ago since we said good-bye to our friend, Joe.

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He didn't care if you had wealth or fame.

Joe treated everyone the same!

It's been so hard on Peg, his wife

To do without him in her life.

No sweet smile or gentle touch
By the man she loved so very much!

We know he's in a better place

No pain nor sorrow now to face!

Why God took him, we do not know-

It's just that we all miss "our Joe"!!

Card of Thanks

The family of Clara J. Cassidy would like to thank all of those whose thoughts were with us in our time of need. We would especially want to thank the Frederic community for the lovely luncheon they provided for all our friends and relatives. We would also like to give a special thank you to Sorenson Funeral Home for the excellent care and service they provided in our time of grief.

Card of Thanks

To Mercy/Amicare/Hospice

A special thank you for your care of Veda, and making her final days as comfortable as possible. May God bless you all.

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The Stanton Family



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Farmer and Everson engaged



Jeremiah Farmer and Heidi Everson

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Everson announce the engagement of their daughter, Heidi to Jeremiah Farmer of Grayling.

Jeremiah is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Farmer and the late Nancy Collard of Jackson.

Heidi is employed at Clark Refining Corporation. Jeremiah is employed at Arrow Uniforms.

A July 17, 1999 wedding is planned.

Feds seek to speed up wetland development permit process

by Mary Owen
Capital News Service

Lansing - A federal environmental agency wants to speed up the permit process for people or businesses seeking to develop land along the Great Lakes' shores, major rivers in Michigan and neighboring wetlands. But some environmental groups contend that abbreviating the process will jeopardize adequate review of the impact of development projects on natural resources.

The Detroit District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting public comments about the current process to acquire a development permit. There are about 3,000 permit applications from Michigan and northern Indiana seeking approval from the corps.

The change would limit the permit process to 15 days with an additional 50 days to notify adjacent property owners and state and federal agencies, including the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Fish and Wildlife Service and the state historical preservation office. Under the plan, there would be no general public hearing before denying or rejecting an application.

"I don't know what will be more effective for the corps and the public," said Charlie Simon, a project manager for the Detroit District Corps, "but it would be quicker for the corps to make a decision." Simon said a decision is expected within the next few months.

The change, along with state Department of Environmental Quality, must approve permits for developments.

Requests outside of the corps' jurisdiction -- which includes the Great Lakes shoreline, major rivers and adjacent wetlands -- requires only the approval of the DEQ. Simon said it now takes up to a

month for the corps to make a decision about a permit application.

Scott McEwen, the water resource program director for the Petoskey-based Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, said shortening the permit process reduces the chance that the corps will be able to visit a site and thoroughly review the effects of a proposed development on nearby natural resources.

He said there often are alternatives that would minimize environmental damage that are rarely examined.

The corps said the change would allow it to better use its limited resources, but McEwen said environmental protection is being sacrificed through budget cuts at the state and federal level.

"Rather than short-circuit the permit process, they need more people," he said. "It's all about what happens in Washington with the cutting of the budget. They're cutting the Environmental Protection Agency and the Army Corps."

The proposal would apply to all properties of a half-acre or land or larger, including single-family homes, commercial and industrial developments.

"The perception is that you can fill a little wetland here and there along the shore without harming anything," said Rick Wilson, associate director of land conservation for the Leelanau Conservancy, which seeks to preserve natural resources through private initiative. "But there's a relationship in the hydrology when you fill one wetland to another. Even a little half-acre fill will accumulate and affect everybody."

For comments about the proposed changes to the permit process, contact Charlie Simon at (313) 226-2221.

46TH CIRCUIT COURT

Sentencings for February, 1999

Appearing before the Honorable John G. Hunter:

Scott Charles Cavazos, a state prisoner - Prison Escape; sentenced to 18-60 months with the Michigan Department of Corrections.

Aaron Lee Hiddema, a state prisoner - Escape-Aid Prisoner-Felon; sentenced to six to 42 months with the Michigan Department of Corrections.

Appearing before the Honorable Dennis F. Murphy:

Frederick D. Cowan, a state prisoner - Prisoner Possession of

Contraband; sentenced to 12-60 months with the Michigan Department of Corrections, and ordered to pay \$60 to the Crime Victims' Fund.

Appearing before the Honorable Alton T. Davis:

Jeffrey Allen Shank, of Cadillac - Criminal Sexual Conduct - 4th Degree - Force/Coercion; sentenced to 14-24 months with the Michigan Department of Corrections with credit for 164 days previously served, and ordered to pay \$60 to the Crime Victims' Fund.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

The following complaints were received by the Crawford County Sheriff's Department from March 22 through 29:

Two assault; one burglary; three larceny; four property damage; two family/child; one weapons; six public peace; one hit and run accident; two OUIL/OUID; one citation; fourteen animal control; one invasion of privacy; one conservation; one miscellaneous

crimes; eight minors; eight accidents; one traffic policing; one traffic safety; one alarm; one false alarm; one fire; three accident; other; two civil/family trouble; three suspicious situation; one lost/found property; one missing persons; sixteen general non-criminal.

A total of 87 complaints were handled by the sheriff's department during the one-week period.

HOMETOWN NEWS

"Cruising with Margie" was the theme when sixteen people took a Caribbean cruise March 13 through 20. Margie (Harwood) Thomson, Todd and Dawn Harwood and Tim Caid of Lovells; Joan Rasmussen of Grayling; Eddie Harwood of Midland; Paula Harwood, Dave and Cindy Paquette of Mt. Clemens; and Bud and Patricia Caid and Tom and Karen Johnson of Three Oaks. The weather was beautiful and a great time was enjoyed by all.

Have a Happy Easter!



MILITARY NEWS

Coast Guard Chief Warrant Officer Richard J. Smith, whose wife, Cynthia, is the daughter of Paul and Betty Terry of Frederic, Michigan, recently completed a 38-day patrol to the Caribbean Sea while assigned to the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Dependable, home ported in Portsmouth, Virginia.

While participating in Operation Frontier Shield, Smith and crewmembers assisted in the repatriation of 13 Haitians and 63 Dominican nationals. In addition, they boarded a stateless vessel suspected of drug smuggling, and escorted it to Puerto Rico where it was seized by U.S. Customs.

Smith also had the opportunity to conduct training with an embarked aviation detachment and two French naval vessels. During the training operation, Smith's ship shared information on law enforcement and counter drug operations, and conducted familiarization training on each nation's aircraft.

During the deployment, Smith had the opportunity to visit St. Martin, St. Thomas, and St. Eustatius where Smith's ship became the first U.S. military vessel to visit in 20 years.

Coast Guard cutters like Smith's are primarily assigned law-enforcement operations including drug and illegal immigrant operations, fishery enforcement operations, defense operations and search-and-rescue operations.

They are equipped with a sophisticated command, display and control computerized ship-control system which provides maximum operational effectiveness.

The 1977 graduate of Mandan Senior High School of Mandan, North Dakota, joined the Coast Guard in July 1977.

Marine Lance Cpl. Amanda K. McEvers, daughter of Mark A. McEvers of Grayling, recently received a Meritorious Mast.

McEvers was cited for outstanding service while assigned with Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 13, Marine Corps Air Station, Yuma, Arizona.

McEvers was awarded a Meritorious Mast by her commanding officer as official recognition for superior individual performance.

The 1996 graduate of Grayling High School joined the Marine Corps in March 1997.

DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT No. 10

District Health Department No. 10 has scheduled the following clinics at the Grayling office. Appointments are recommended or required for all clinics. Please call 348-7800 for information on these clinics and our Environmental Health Services.

CALL FOR APPOINTMENT:
Immunization Clinics: April 7, 12, 21 and 26.

Family Planning: April 6 and 27.
Prenatal Class: April 13 and 21.
HIV/AIDS testing (confidential): April 14 and 28.

WIC Supplemental Food Program for pregnant women, infants and children: April 12, 19, 21, 22 and 26.

WIC - Frederic Satellite Clinic: Call for information

Maternal Support Service for Pregnant Women: Call for information

any day.
Breast and Cervical Cancer Screenings: April 14 - Call 1-800-968-7300 to schedule an appointment. This program is available to women ages 40 - 64, who have no health insurance.

OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Standard Training Session: Quarterly - June 10.*

* Available at the Cadillac office only. Call (616)-775-9942 for an appointment.

NOTE: New Program available - Coronary Risk Profile. This is a total Cholesterol screening - HDL, LDL, Triglycerides, Glucose and Blood Pressure. The cost is \$25 per person, by appointment only. The Grayling Health Department will be offering the screenings on: Friday, April 30 and Friday, August 6. Call 348-7400 to make an appointment.

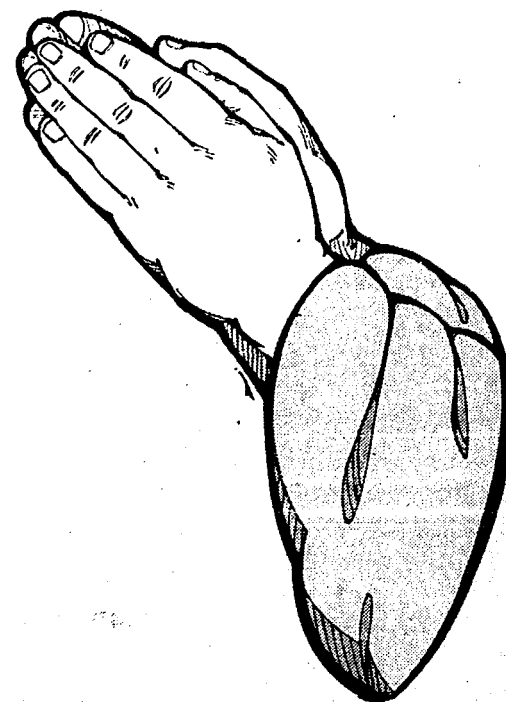
RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled during March 31, 1999 through April 6, 1999.

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PERSPECTIVE

The AARP challenge: Become a fraud fighter

by Leila Burney
Acting State President
AARP in Michigan

Medicare fraud - Who pays? You pay! Medicare waste, fraud and abuse drain billions of valuable tax dollars from the system, dollars that could be spent on needed benefits for Medicare beneficiaries. With over 900 million Medicare claims submitted each year, it's easy for

unscrupulous providers to rip off Medicare.

It's not just beneficiaries who pay. Fraud and abuse hurt everyone. In addition to siphoning billions of dollars each year from the federal treasury, fraud contributes to the rising cost of health care, and in some instances, diminishes the quality of care that older Americans receive.

Since 1993, expanded

government efforts to identify wrongdoers and obtain convictions have saved taxpayers tens of millions of dollars and have removed thousands of fraudulent individuals and firms from the Medicare system. But to do more requires the front line of defense - the help of Medicare beneficiaries.

That's why AARP, the U.S. Department of Health

and Human Services and the U.S. Department of Justice have unleashed the largest beneficiary watchdog program in the history of Medicare. They have introduced a three-step plan to fight fraud.

Beneficiaries are the ones most able to help spot questionable charges by checking their Medicare statements. The first step in the fight against fraud is

to answer three simple questions. Did you receive the service or product for which Medicare is being billed? Did your provider order the service or product for you? To the best of your knowledge, is the service or product relevant to your diagnosis or treatment?

If the answer to any of those questions is no, the second step is to get a second opinion. If you can't easily resolve your questions, you should present the questionable charges to your doctor or insurer for clarification. If your provider can't provide easy answers and you think you're dealing with a fraudulent claim, call the Medicare Fraud Hotline at 1-800-447-8477.

The Fraud Hotline is operated by the Office of the Inspector General, the federal office that identifies and eliminates fraud in Medicare. No questionable charge is too large or too small. All calls will remain

anonymous and will be taken seriously.

The third, and perhaps most important step is to protect yourself. Treat your Medicare card like a credit card. Never give out your beneficiary number over the phone, or to someone who comes to your door in exchange for free medical services. Nothing is ever free and unscrupulous providers will later bill Medicare for services and equipment you may have never received.

Be alert to those who claim they "know how to bill Medicare" to get an uncovered item or service paid for. It's a scam. Report it right away.

Remember, Medicare fraud and abuse affect everyone. The federal government's crackdown against Medicare is getting results. And now they need your help. If you think you've spotted Medicare fraud, the number to call is 1-800-447-8477.

Virginia Bowling is April's Volunteer of the Month

Virginia Bowling is the Senior Center's Volunteer of the Month.

Virginia and her husband, Willard, have lived in Grayling for ten years.

They moved to the area after spending thirty-five years in Ann Arbor.

The Bowlings will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary this summer. They have two sons, two grandchildren and one

great grandchild.

The Bowlings are two super nice people and have served as "Duke and Duchess" as well as adding great dignity as "King and Queen" at the Center.

Virginia is a registered nurse and in her earlier days, as a visiting nurse/midwife, made her rounds on horseback in the hills of southeast Kentucky. She has been

volunteering for ten years and divides her time among the American Red Cross, Wellington Farms, The Senior Center and Mercy Hospital, where she does blood pressures regularly.

Virginia helps at the Center on all of the special dinners and is a gracious hostess. She presides over the pantry bingo coffers and sees that everything


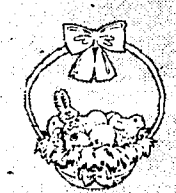
runs smoothly. When it comes to selling hot dogs, Virginia and Willard are a team to be envied. He cooks and she takes the money and is a tremendous "barker."

Virginia is admired for her warming personality and her warmth and kindness, her never say die attitude, her quick wit and charming personality and her great smile.

Crawford County Commission on Aging

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APRIL

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
 <h1>EASTER</h1>				
5. 10:00 - Crafts 12:00 - Stag Cards 1:00 - RSVP Ladies 1:00 - Bridge Club 5:30 - "Hangman"	6. 10:00 - Exercises 11:00 - Line Dance 1:00 - Euchre Club 5:30 - Pool	7. Commodities 9:30 - 10:30 Eagles Tax Lady by Appointment 12:30 - Stag Club 5:30 - Wendy's Bingo	1. 9:00 - Adult Ed Classes Annual Easter Dinners 12 & 5 Dance in between Reservations Please	2. Good Friday Center Closed ***** 3. Clocks Spring Forward - Sat. Night ***** Happy Easter
12. Share Sign-Up 10-2 10:00 - Crafts 12:00 - Stag Cards 1:00 - RSVP Ladies 1:00 - Bridge Club 5:30 - "Hangman"	13. 10:00 - Exercises 11:00 - Line Dance 1:00 - Euchre Club 5:30 - "R & R"	14. 1:00 - Stag Club 5:00 - Birthday Dinner 5:30 - RSVP White Elephant Auction	8. BP's Taken 11 to Noon 9:00 - Adult Ed 1:00 - Craft Class Nova-Swags "Lucky 7" Casino Trip 9:30 a.m.	9. Frederic 12:00 Satellite 1:00 - Pantry - Bingo ***** 11. Sunday Brunch 10 - 1 Waffles
19. 10:00 - Crafts 12:00 - Stag Cards 1:00 - RSVP Ladies 1:00 - Bridge Club 5:30 - "Hangman"	20. 10:00 - Exercises 11:00 - Line Dance 12:15 - Speaker on Medicare Changes 1:00 - Euchre Club 5:30 - Trivia	21. Out to Lunch Gang at 12:00 12:30 - Stag Club 5:30 - COA Board Meeting	22. BP's Taken 11 to Noon 9:00 - Adult Ed 1:00 - Craft Class Ellen-Quilted Pillow Covers	23. Share Pick-Up 1:30 - 3 at RLDS 1:00 - Pantry Bingo ***** 25. Sunday Potluck 2 pm - Bring a dish
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Easter dinner planned

A beautiful Easter buffet will be served on Thursday, April 1 at noon, and again at 5 p.m. There will be dancing in between the dinners, so whichever dinner you come to, plan on staying after or coming early for the dancing.

The cost for this special

buffet has been increased because of the extra food so donations for seniors will be \$2.50 and the cost for juniors will be \$4. Please make your reservations early and specify which dinner you will be attending so that appropriate planning can be done.

Bereavement Support Group

The Bereavement Support Group meets at St. Mary's Learning Center, 702 Peninsular, Grayling on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 3 to 5 p.m.

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Grayling residents spot UFO

by Chris Redfield
Special Writer

Several Grayling residents reported spotting an unidentified flying object (UFO) in the skies above Jackson Street and Hill Road on Saturday, March 27, just outside the Grayling city limits.

The saucer-shaped form was seen hovering just above the tree-line, eyewitnesses said, at around 12:30 p.m. on Saturday afternoon.

"I just went out to get my mail, and as I was shutting the mailbox door I looked up and guess I saw this thing in the sky. I started to go through my mail, and then did the biggest double-take you ever saw," said Grayling resident Jeremy McArthur. "There it was, this saucer-like thing just hovering there past some trees. Never saw anything like it."

"I went in to get my videocamera, but it was gone by the time I got back out," said McArthur.

One of McArthur's neighbors, Frank Balmes, reported seeing the object as well.

"I've always been a kind of UFO nut, and I always told people they were out there," said Balmes, "but this was the first time I really seen one for myself."

Balmes even managed to capture a photograph of the flying object, after calling to his wife to get his camera.

"I was outside doing some yard work, cleaning up for spring, getting the lawn ready. Anyway, I saw that thing in the sky just kind of hovering there. It was cigar-shaped, not really much to look at," said Balmes. "Nothing like those big lighted ships from *Close Encounters* or *E.T.*"

Balmes said he then yelled to his wife, asking her to bring his camera outside.

"I didn't tell her what it was for. She's never been one to believe in that sort of thing. I figured if I said there was a UFO outside she'd just tell me where to go, if you know what I mean," said Balmes.

"I heard Frank yelling something about bringing the camera outside, so I did," said Balmes' wife Janice. "He grabbed it and started pointing it up at the sky. I had no idea what he was doing, then I saw what he was looking at."



Photo courtesy of Frank Balmes

U.F.O. -- This as yet unidentified object was spotted by several Grayling residents last Saturday in skies just outside of the city limits.

"Like Frank said," she continued, "I've never really been a believer. I'm still not, but what I saw on Saturday was pretty weird."

McArthur said he never really gave UFO's or the existence of extraterrestrials much thought, until now.

"I always thought *Star Trek* was kind of goofy, and *The X-Files* is a little over my head," said McArthur.

McArthur and Frank and Janice Balmes are just three of the several witnesses to come forward so far.

Beatrice Sumner, a retired schoolteacher and principal, said she saw the UFO too.

"I saw it out my back yard window," said Sumner. "I don't know what it was, I don't really want to know. To tell you the truth, it kind of crept me out. It gave me goose bumps."

Area resident Dave O'Bannon, his wife and two kids also claim to have seen the same UFO. The family was outside getting ready to go on a trip to Marquette to visit some

relatives.

"We were piling in the car when I heard (my son) Roger say something like, 'what's that in the sky?' I looked where he was pointing, and saw this thing that looked like a black sphere just hovering up in the sky," said O'Bannon. "It was a strange way to start the trip, that's for sure."

"I saw this weird thing in the sky," said seven-year-old Roger O'Bannon. "I said, 'Daddy, there's something up there in the sky,' and he looked and saw it too. He didn't say anything, he just stood there looking at it."

O'Bannon called the Sheriff's Department to report the incident. The object had disappeared by the time Sheriff's deputies arrived.

"I didn't know who to call," said O'Bannon. "I thought about calling the military or the National Weather Service, but I figured I'd just call the police and let them check into it. Maybe there's an explanation for it, and it's something that shouldn't be flying around here."

The military had no specific comments, but one official said, "People see or claim to see UFO's every day of the week. There's always a logical explanation."

Balmes has his own theories regarding the origin of the craft.

"They're going to say it's a weather balloon or swamp gas or some secret government plane," said Balmes, "but I think different. I know different."

"We ain't alone in this universe, and anyone who says we are is crazy," continued Balmes. "Even if they prove this particular sighting was a hoax or it was some stupid weather balloon or something, I'm telling you there's alien ships out there somewhere. Lots of other people will tell you the same. They're out there."

McArthur is still skeptical, but says his recent brush with the UFO has left him pondering the possibilities.

"I don't know," he said. "I guess there's got to be someone else out there, it's just too big a universe for there not to be."

Grapefruit passion grows in local woman

by Oliver Klosoff
Special Writer

For more than 50 years, grapefruit was a breakfast staple for 55-year old Myrtle Schmidlap.

"Ever since my first day in kindergarten, I've started my day with a juicy, ruby red grapefruit," Schmidlap said. "I just grab hold of that pinkish-yellow rind and peel it away so I can enjoy one of God's masterpieces."

Schmidlap credits her lifelong excellent health to her daily grapefruit consumption... until late last week when a surgeon made a startling discovery.

"Last Saturday night, I had this

dull, kinda pressure in my right side and noticed a hard, kinda round hump near my rib cage," she said.

"Well, of course, my sister, Gertie, freaked out as usual... she's one of those hypochondriacs, or whatever you call them. Anyway, she said it might be my appendix, so we went to the hospital where I got an ultrasound."

Doctors in the emergency room were perplexed by what they saw on the ultrasound's screen. It appeared that Schmidlap had a growth the size of a softball or grapefruit in the right side of her abdominal wall and ordered

surgery immediately to remove the growth.

"When we opened her up, all operating room personnel gasped in unison," said surgical nurse, Anita Souture. "The growth turned out to be a real grapefruit!"

No one is quite sure how the grapefruit grew in Schmidlap's tummy, but back in her hospital room she shared some information that may shed light on the subject.

"When I eat grapefruit, I eat it seeds and all. Some of them seeds must've taken root or something," she said. "I guess I'll skip the seeds from now on!"

Happy April Fool's Day!

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Variety of artists perform at Interlochen



The Yellowjackets: (l to r) Bob Mintzer, Russell Ferrante, Peter Erskine, Jimmy Haslip

A variety of guest artist and faculty performances highlight the week of April 5 at Interlochen.

The Yellowjackets will perform in concert Saturday, April 10. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students 18 and under.

The group was just nominated for a tenth Grammy Award for the album "Club Nocturne." The Yellowjackets have won two Grammys, in 1987 and 1989. The newest member Peter Erskine is a veteran drummer, composer and solo recording artist who attended Interlochen Arts Academy 1968-71. Sax player Bob Mintzer is also an Academy alum.

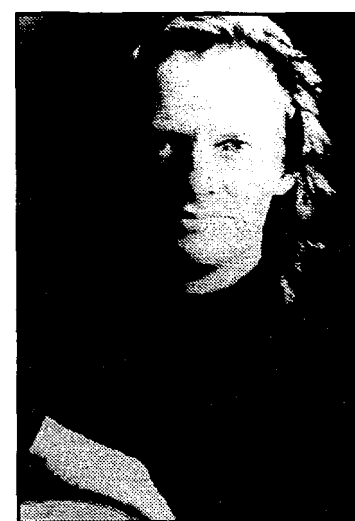
Classical guitarist David Russell

performs Thursday, April 8. Born in Glasgow, Russell's upbringing was in Spain, and the artist's repertoire is heavily influenced by Spanish and Portuguese composers. Russell has refined his guitar technique and stage presence, performing with illuminating soft-spoken commentary. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$7 for students 18 and under.

Two faculty recitals highlight the week. Michael Coonrod will perform a piano recital at 8 p.m. Friday, April 9 in the Michael P. Dendrinos Chapel. The program will be the piano music of Robert Schumann. Accompanying Coonrod will be Paul Sonner, violin; David Holland, viola; and Crispin Holland, cello.

Joan Raeburn Holland will perform a harp recital at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 11 in the Chapel. She will be accompanied by fellow harp player Nancy Lendrim. Highlights of the program include "Toccata" by J.B. Loeillet, "Children's Hour, Suite for the Harp" by Marcel Grandjany, and "Ma Mere l'Oye" by Maurice Ravel. Admissions to both recitals are free.

For tickets/information, call the Interlochen Box Office at (616) 276-6230. Box office hours are Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., and Saturday, noon - 4 p.m. All performances will take place at 7:30 p.m. in Corson Auditorium, unless otherwise noted.



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Meet Me in St. Louis comes to Interlochen



A top touring company will bring the smash Tony-nominated musical *Meet Me in St. Louis* to Interlochen Wednesday, April 14.

This recent Tony nominated Broadway hit was adapted from the classic M-G-M movie musical that starred the great Judy Garland. The familiar and beloved story revolves around the Smith family's reaction to the father's announcement of their

impending move to New York City. The family is crushed at the prospect of missing friends, family, fiancées and most of all, The St. Louis World's Fair of 1904! New songs have been added to such period tunes as *Skip to My Lou*, as well as the classic film score, highlighted by *The Trolley Song*, *The Boy Next Door* and especially *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas*. It totals up to an

evening of musical magic.

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Kirtland receives grant for performing arts

Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts announces that it was among a select group of Midwest presenters chosen to receive a 1998-99 Heartland Arts Fund Grant. This award will support an upcoming performance of Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company at Kirtland Community College on April 16. Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company members will be involved in residencies in local schools.

The Heartland Arts Fund, a joint venture of regional arts organizations, Arts Midwest and Mid-America Arts Alliance, serves a 15 state region and helps presenters of music, theatre, opera, and dance introduce professional artists from

outside their home states to local audiences. The Heartland Arts Fund received more than 500 applications for the 1998-99 season of which 323 received funding for a total of over \$630,000 of funds designated.

David J. Fraher, Heartland Arts Fund Chairman said, "Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts is to be commended for their commitment to serving their community with this distinctive event. Audiences in Michigan will have the opportunity to see the exciting work of Bits 'N Pieces Puppet Theater, and the Heartland Arts Fund is proud to help support this work and the Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts."

Twelve hands-on workshops in local schools are scheduled for April 12 to 15. On those days, a professional artist will facilitate in-depth workshops at different schools. On Friday, April 16, Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company will present two performances, one at 11 a.m. and one at 1 p.m.

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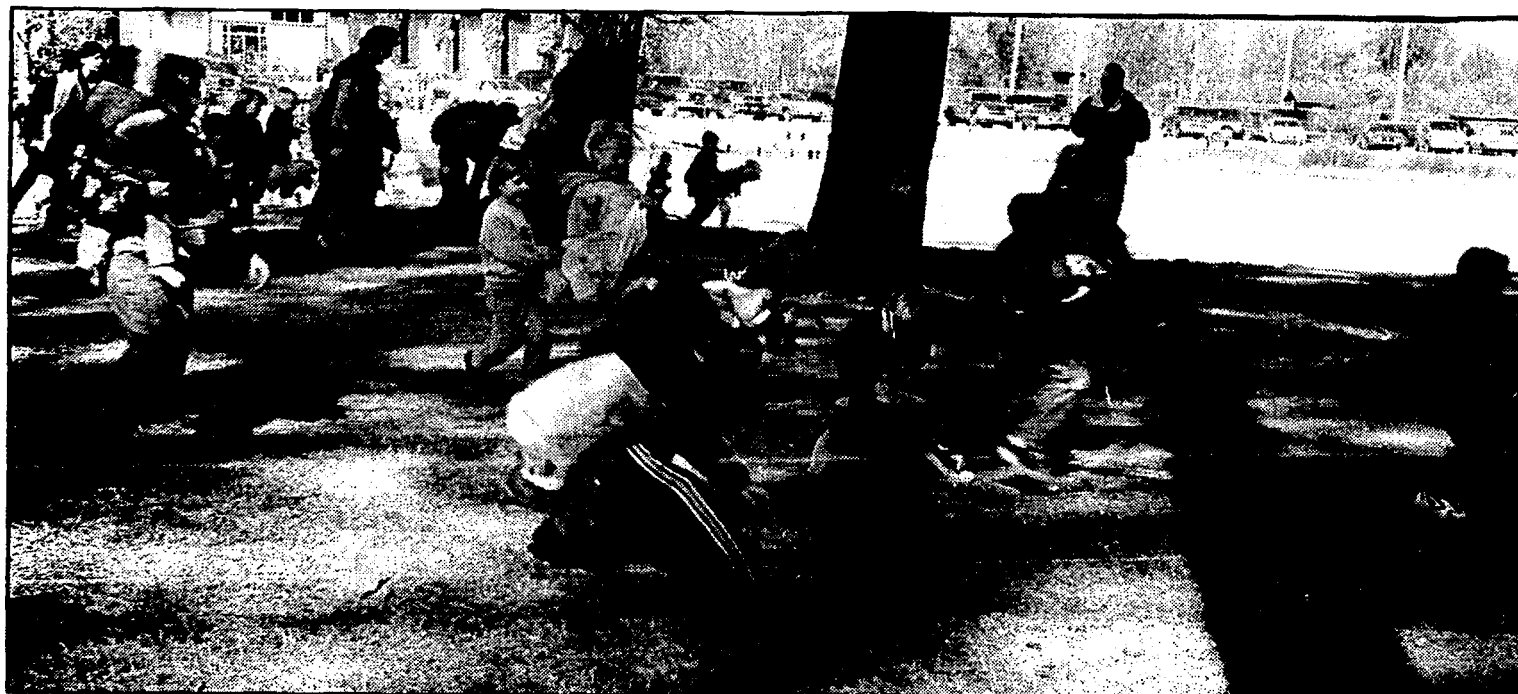
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Hundreds come out to greet the Easter Bunny



EGG-STRAVAGANZA FOR THE KIDS - (Above) On a warm and sunny morning, over 400 hundred people came out to Hanson Hills Recreation Area on Saturday, March 27 welcoming the Easter Bunny to Crawford County. Hanson Hills staff members served over 200 breakfasts to hungry kids and their families and three times the normal amount of kids participated in the annual Easter Egg Hunt, made possible by donations to the Grayling Recreational Authority. (Right) Little 16-month old Trent Hickman of Grayling learned quickly what an egg hunt is all about, scurrying to pick up the colorful eggs and put them in his basket.

Photos by Cheryl Ruley

Easter travel up in 1999 -- 1.4 million plan getaway

More than 1.4 million Michiganians will travel during the 1999 Easter holiday period, AAA Michigan reports.

March and April are the most popular months for fun-in-the-sun seekers -- five out of 10 Easter travelers will head for a warmer climate. The most popular destination is Florida.

AAA Michigan's survey of 500 state residents in early March found 15 percent plan a holiday pleasure trip, slightly more than last year. The average trip length will be seven days.

"It's the spring break period for many colleges, universities and public schools," said Larry Dickens, AAA Michigan Travel Vendor Relations manager.

"Many travelers of all age groups are seeking warmer weather. In fact, it's not unusual to see families on cruise ships this time of year."

Michigan travelers' Top 5 destinations this spring (based on 1999 air reservations by AAA Michigan) are Orlando (Florida); Ft. Myers (Florida); Phoenix (Arizona); Las Vegas (Nevada) and Tampa (Florida).

Michigan gas prices this Easter are expected to be lower than during last year's holiday period. Motorists statewide will pay about 90.8 cents per gallon (as of March 8) for self-serve regular unleaded, down 15.9 cents per gallon from last Easter.

AAA Michigan advises air travelers to plan on increased airport traffic between Thursday (April 1) and Monday (April 5), with the biggest crowds expected Thursday.

To avoid delays, travelers may want to arrange for someone to drop them off at the airport. Arriving at the airport two hours before a scheduled flight should ensure time to find parking and check baggage.

Passengers must carry photo identification. Gifts should not be wrapped -- they may be opened at passenger screening checkpoints. Plan to limit luggage to two suitcases and one carry-on bag per person.

Although airports will be busy, about two-thirds of Michigan travelers will go by vehicle, the survey found. Heaviest volumes will be on major arteries heading south out of Michigan, including I-75 and I-69.

For the latest construction information, call 1-800-AAA MICH anytime, or visit <http://www.aaamich.com> on the Web.

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by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.

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Growth plates are structures at the ends of children's bones that allow them to grow to adult size. Injury to one of these structures in a child's foot may mimic a sprain and may be misdiagnosed. Growth plate injuries may happen during athletics, a car accident, or even a simple fall. Untreated, a growth plate may partially close, leading to an angle deformity, or it may stunt further growth in the bone entirely. X-rays taken to rule out a fracture may appear entirely normal. Pain, when pressure is applied directly to the growth plate areas, is the key to this injury's diagnosis. Depending on the severity of misalignment of the plate, proper treatment may range from immobilization to surgical intervention.

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P.S. Growth plates usually close up during adolescence, though there is a wide range in the age by which one normally attains full growth.

Warm weather draws many to Maple Syrup Day

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The next step was to use a "spile"



ALL ABOUT MAPLE TREES – Hartwick Pines Site Historian Rob Burg tells a group of children about maple trees and how much sap it takes to make a gallon of syrup.

per year. The process requires approximately 40 gallons of sap to produce 1 gallon of syrup.

The settlers learned about maple production from Native American

time, production has declined to its present level.

The process begins with measuring a tree for a girth bigger than 10 inches around, or approximately 40 years old. It is not healthy for smaller or younger trees to be tapped for sap.

Tapping requires the farmer to drill with a "brace and bit" a hole measuring from 1 1/2 to 2 inches into the tree; the height is primarily a matter of convenience. The sap is a clear liquid with a slight sweetness.

to get the sap to continue dripping into a bucket. Burg said, "You can get up to 15 quarts out of one tap, if it is a healthy tree. The best tapping is in the beginning when you get six to ten days when the weather is 15 degrees more during the day, than at night," said Burg.

The next step is to bring the sap from the trees to the boiler. Again, the depth and temperature of the sap depends on the weather. Usually when the temperature reaches 219 degrees Fahrenheit, the batch is done.



TREE-TAPPIN' GOOD – Maple trees were tapped and buckets were attached to collect the sap to make syrup.

Hydrometers are used to measure sweetness of sap and syrup viscosity or density. Sap is boiled to remove moisture. It is usually about 2 1/2% sweetness of sap for a sugar maple, 2% for a red maple. The sweeter the sap, the less boiling must be done.

The boiling process evaporates water off and concentrates flavor, turning the sap brown because of the caramelizing process.

"The syrup is now measured by a grading scale and boiling is stopped when the farmer meets a specific gravity of liquid," said worker, Brent Cole.

The farmers can discern when the sap is getting to the syrup stage. When the sap reaches a specific gravity, it is "drawn off" to a gas flame and filter, where "sugar sand" is removed from the syrup product. The higher the grade, the lighter the syrup will be in color.

The most common products made from maple tree sap include maple sugar, granulated sugar, maple cream, and maple-on-snow.

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by Linda DeMarchis, M.A., Health Educator

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Question: My husband insists on buying crunchy looking breads with healthy sounding names such as "7 grains," "stone ground," etc. Are these breads really higher in

fiber than regular whole wheat breads?

Signed: Doughboy's wife

Answer: Actually, these breads that imply high fiber content, usually contain no more fiber than ordinary white bread.

Certain terms used on bread labels to sound as if they are bursting with fiber can be somewhat deceiving.

According to the University of California at Berkeley Wellness Letter, these phrases mean little or nothing.

Some of the most popular terms include 7 grains, cracked wheat, stone ground wheat, sprouted wheat, multigrain, crunchy, and several others.

If your husband wants to find a truly high fiber bread, he needs to look past these colorful descriptions and find a product that lists whole wheat flour as the first ingredient or one that states 100% whole wheat or another whole grain on the label.

If breads don't list whole wheat as the first ingredient, they consist of mostly white flour and probably have only one gram of fiber per slice.

Breads made from whole grains should have 2 to 3 grams of fiber per slice instead of one gram. Check the label under dietary fiber since the addition of nuts, sunflower seeds, etc., can raise the dietary fiber content of regular wheat bread.

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Registration begins on April 1, ends April 16

Grayling Little League opens 35th season

Grayling Little League, which was first organized in 1965, will begin taking registrations for the 1999 season on April 1. Registration will end on April 16.

Sign-up forms can be picked up at the Grayling schools or Sylvester's of Grayling, which is located across from Dubois Lumber Company on M-72 West. (A sign-up form can also be found on Page 4B of this edition of *The Avalanche*.)

Completed registration forms can be dropped off at Sylvester's.

In addition to completing the registration form, parents need to provide a copy of a state-certified birth certificate and the \$25 registration fee. (Maximum registration fee for two or more children is \$50.)

The League will also be distributing fundraiser "Power Cards" at the

time of registration. The fundraiser involves parents paying a \$20 deposit for two cards, which are then sold for \$10 apiece.

The official League registration age as determined by national Little League Headquarters in Pennsylvania is the participant's age on July 31.

Grayling Little League assigns children to the following divisions:

A. Senior Baseball Division (ages 15-16); B. Junior Baseball Division (ages 13-14); C. Major Baseball Division (ages 11-12); D. Intermediate Baseball Division (ages 9-10); E. Minor Baseball Division (ages 7-8); F. Major Softball Division (ages 9-12); G. Senior Softball Division (ages 13-16, tentative).

Tryouts will be held at Millikin

field on Saturday, April 17, beginning at 9 a.m. with the Senior and Junior Baseball Divisions. Major and Intermediate Baseball Divisions will start at 10 a.m. and Major and Senior Softball Divisions will start at 12 noon.

A late registration period will be continued at Sylvester's until Draft Night, which will begin at 6 p.m. on April 25 at the Grayling Youth Booster Club Sports Complex at the Crawford County Fairgrounds.

Board members for the 1999 Grayling Little League season include: Brian Burrell, Chris Golnick, Gary Fox, Dee VanNuck, Diane Tobin, Jim Tobin, Bob McCurdy, Tom Ritter, Rich Alexander, Tom Trudgeon, Sandy Baynham, Lynn Ferrigan, Ken Helsel, Tim Swope, Todd Hernandez, Mike Lange, Scott Feldhauser, Bill Dean, Jeff Parkinson and Tom Haskel.

Registration questions can be directed to Diane Tobin at 348-5361. Fundraiser questions can be directed to Dee VanNuck at 348-3114. General questions can be directed to Tom Haskel at 348-8722.

A new development this year is the inclusion of 16-year-olds in Little League. The age group of 13-16 will be split into two Divisions: 13 & 14-year-olds in Junior and 15 & 16-year-olds in Senior. While the game schedules have not been set, the general plan is for these two Divisions to compete in inter-league play with other area Little League teams.

Grayling Little League was founded in 1965 in a little corner of Mac's Drug Store. Jack Millikin developed the Millikin Field in the late 60's and Mike Shearer helped get lights at the Field in the 70's. Coach Mike Wieland and the Grayling High School Football Team laid the sod at the Senior League Field in 1975.

Irv McIsaac spearheaded the drive to create McIsaac Field at the Grayling Youth Booster Club Sports Complex in the early 90's.

The greatest period of expansion for Grayling Little League came under the supervision of Jim Tobin and Gerry St. Germain. These two men, with the help of dozens of volunteers and businesses, undertook the effort to create one of the finest Little League programs in northern Michigan.

Since becoming involved in the mid 80's, Tobin and St. Germain have witnessed the number of playing fields expand from two to five, the advent of pitching machines to help develop younger players, introduction of the girl's softball team, and the creation of outfield signs to



LEAGUE CHAMPS -- Lynn Ferrigan's Mercy Hospital team celebrates after winning the league championship in 1997.

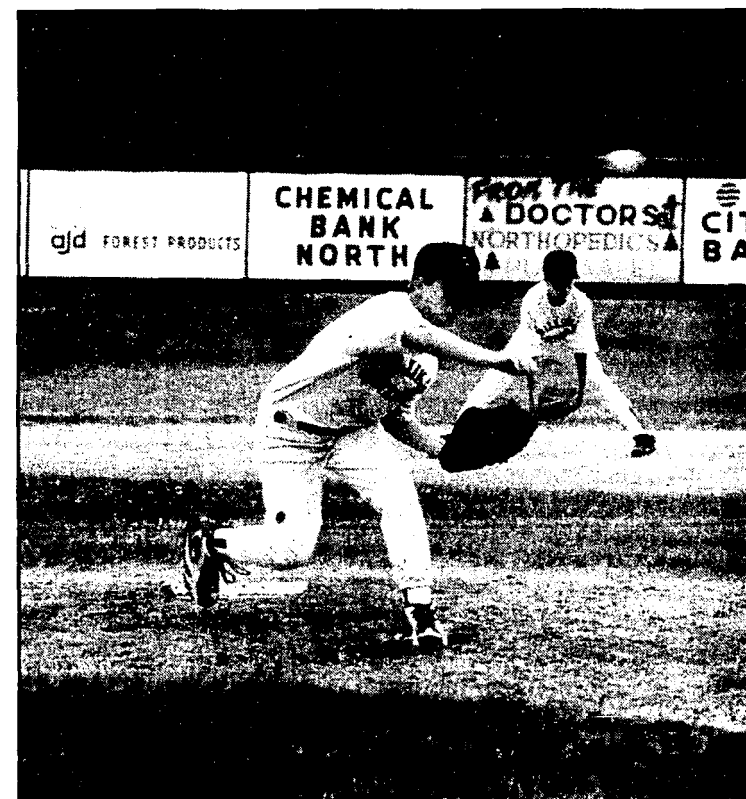
recognize team and community sponsors. They also enlisted the aid of Crawford County Probate Court Judge John G. Hunter's community service program to maintain the fields for youth playing time.

At this time, there are over 60 area businesses and community organizations which sponsor Grayling Little League. The financial support provided by these businesses is one of the greatest assets the League has in maintaining its quality.

George Griffith, the legendary trout angler who passed away last year, left the League \$5,000 in his will. The money will be used, in part, by Field Maintenance Director Tom Ritter (the person most responsible for keeping Crawford County fields in good shape) to continue upgrading the facilities used by more than 250 Crawford County children each year.



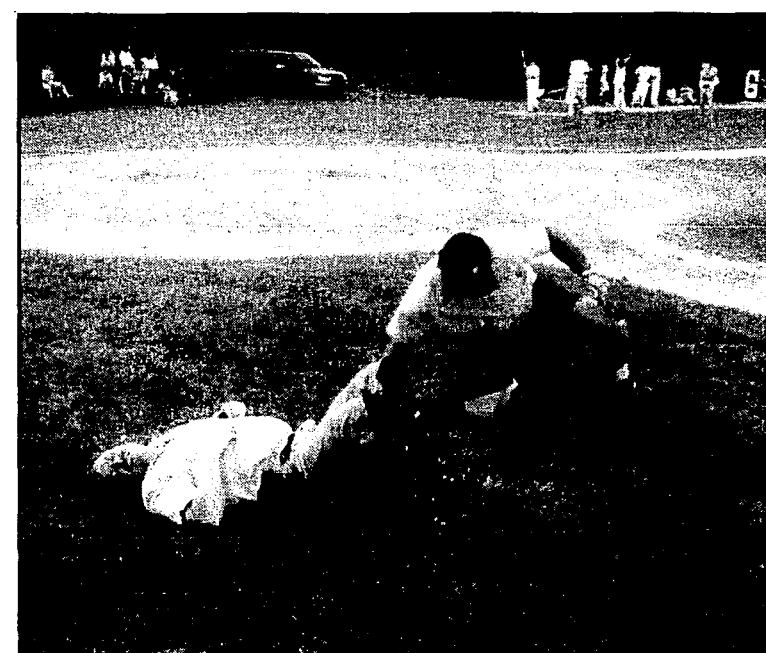
PICTURE TIME -- A Little League family gets a picture taken last year.



ON THE HILL -- Chet Wheeler was one of the top pitchers in the Major Division in 1997.



NEW FIELD -- Two team help Larry McNamara and his wife Mo dedicate McNamara Field in 1997.



TAKING A BREATHER -- Senior League umpires Ron Hall (left) and Doug Hinkle exhibit the hard work ethic necessary to work Little League games.



FAMILY GAME -- The Larry Baynham family of Frederic (including dad Larry, wife Sandy, son Larry, and daughter Katie) play a Little League game by themselves in 1996, although it was not considered "official."



GET IT RIGHT -- Senior League umpire Mark Golnick (left), another person who has worked many years with Little League, defends one of his calls with Head Viking Football Coach Rodney Patterson.



COACH -- Jim Tobin, Grayling's top Little League Baseball expert, joins his team during a 1998 game.

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Two GHS students to play baseball overseas

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

Two Grayling High School baseball players, Brad Gorski and Rusty Strohpaal, will be heading to the Netherlands this summer to play on a U.S. Baseball Stars international team.

"I think it's going to be real exciting," said Strohpaal. "We'll meet a lot of new people."

"It will be a whole different level of competition, with teams we've never seen before and players we've never played with," said Gorski. "Not like here where you've pretty much played with the same people all the time."

The two players, both of which are 16 years old, made the 16-18 year-old team.

"Most of the guys were older than us," said Gorski of the tryout. "I think we were the only two 16-year-olds."

Strohpaal and Gorski traveled to Traverse City for the Baseball Stars tryout with their coach Duane VanDrese.

"I don't know how it was for them, but to me it seemed a little bit intimidating," said VanDrese. "There were a lot of class 'A' ball players, most of them 18 years old, with a couple years of varsity and legion ball. I didn't know where our kids would fit, but they had a real nice showing."

VanDrese said the three had a chance to talk with Baseball Stars Director of Operations Steve Merriman just before the tryout, which VanDrese thought helped.

"I think it helped as far as knowing what he expected that day," said VanDrese.

Merriman is also a bullpen catcher for the Detroit Tigers and a scout for the Colorado Rockies.

At the tryouts, players were divided according to position and evaluated on various baseball skills.

Gorski and Strohpaal, both of whom are pitchers, were evaluated on technique, range of pitches, and velocity.

The two also did some batting and

ran sprints as part of the tryout.

Tryouts were held at other locations, and even in other states. Players from eight different states comprise the four teams that were selected, including Iowa, Indiana, Illinois, Florida, Arizona, Tennessee, Kentucky and Michigan.

The teams consist of about 13 players, for a total of about 52 kids. Gorski and Strohpaal estimated that about 50 young people tried out just at the Traverse City location.

The two players will leave for the Netherlands on June 29 and return on July 12.

For Strohpaal it will be his first time out of the country. "I'm pretty excited," he said.

The team will have some time for sight-seeing, but much of the trip will be devoted to baseball. Most of the time the two spend overseas will be in the Netherlands, with games being played at Amsterdam Central Stadium. The team will face similar teams from all over the world, including China and Australia.

The trip is going to cost about \$3,200 each, they estimate, and they are currently trying to raise funds to help make the trip possible.

They have received a contribution from the Booster Club, and are planning a spaghetti dinner to help bring in some money.

If you would like to make a donation please send a check to: "Baseball Education Fund," Chemical Bank, P.O. Box 686, Grayling MI, 49738.

"We really need the community to get behind and support this," said VanDrese. "This is something really positive the community could get behind and help out with. It's a nice opportunity, but costly."

Strohpaal is a junior and will be playing in his second season of varsity baseball this year at GHS. Gorski, a sophomore, will be playing on the junior varsity team for Grayling.

Strohpaal, a southpaw, plays first in addition to pitching, and Gorski pitches and plays outfield.

They both said they are excited



Photo by Caleb Casey

GRAYLING BALLPLAYERS -- (left to right) Rusty Strohpaal and Brad Gorski will head to the Netherlands this summer to play baseball.

about seeing Europe, experiencing foreign culture, and playing some baseball.

"It will let them know what they need to do to improve, and let them know where they stand with other ball players," said VanDrese. "One of the best things about this is now they'll be on a list for colleges to look at, a kind of 'who's who' in baseball in the midwest."

"From what I saw at Traverse

City, it looks like they measure up pretty well," he added.

Both players said they would like to play baseball in college, but were unsure of specifically where.

Gorski is only a sophomore, and Strohpaal is a junior.

"I want to go where it's best for me," said Strohpaal, "where I can get a good education and hopefully play baseball too. I've always wanted to go pro."

GHS basketball team holds annual awards banquet

The Grayling High School Varsity Basketball Team held its end-of-the-season banquet on Thursday, March 25, and gave out several team awards, in addition to announcing All-Conference honors.

Three Vikings earned All-North East Michigan Conference (NEMC) honors: Nate Hinkle made the All-NEMC 1st team, Eli Tobin made the NEMC 2nd team, and David Hawkins was named an "Honorable Mention."

The coaching staff gave out the following team awards at the banquet: "Most Valuable Player" -- Nate Hinkle and Eli Tobin; "Most

Improved Player" -- Mike Ostwald; "Mr. Hustle" -- Pete Mead and Eli Tobin; "Mr. Defense" -- Travis Huber; "Team Captains" -- Pete Mead, Eli Tobin and Nate Hinkle.

The following are a few final team stats for the '98-99 season:

Points: Hinkle, 469 (21.3 PPG); Tobin, 245 (11.1 PPG); Hawkins 208 (9.5 PPG); Nate Beckwith, 197 (9 PPG); Brad Ritter, 178 (8.1 PPG).

Rebounds: Hinkle, 136; Hawkins, 114; Tobin, 94; Ritter, 93; Ostwald, 60.

Assists: Tobin, 134; Hinkle, 85; Hawkins, 37; Jeremy Millikin, 37.

Steals: Hinkle, 64; Tobin, 50; Ritter, 36; Hawkins, 31; Beckwith, 30; Millikin, 29; Huber, 28; Ostwald, 23.

Free throw shooting: Hinkle, 78% (87/112); Hawkins, 75% (41/55); Beckwith, 68% (34/50); Adam Knapp, 67% (4/6); Huber, 63% (12/19); Tobin, 50% (52/105); Brian McCurdy, 50% (3/6); Mead, 50% (2/4).

Two-point field goals: Ostwald, 65% (33/51); Hinkle, 63% (63/122); Hawkins, 53% (64/120); Millikin, 53% (16/30); Tobin, 51% (82/160); Ritter, 50% (66/133); Huber, 49% (22/45); Beckwith, 45% (38/84).

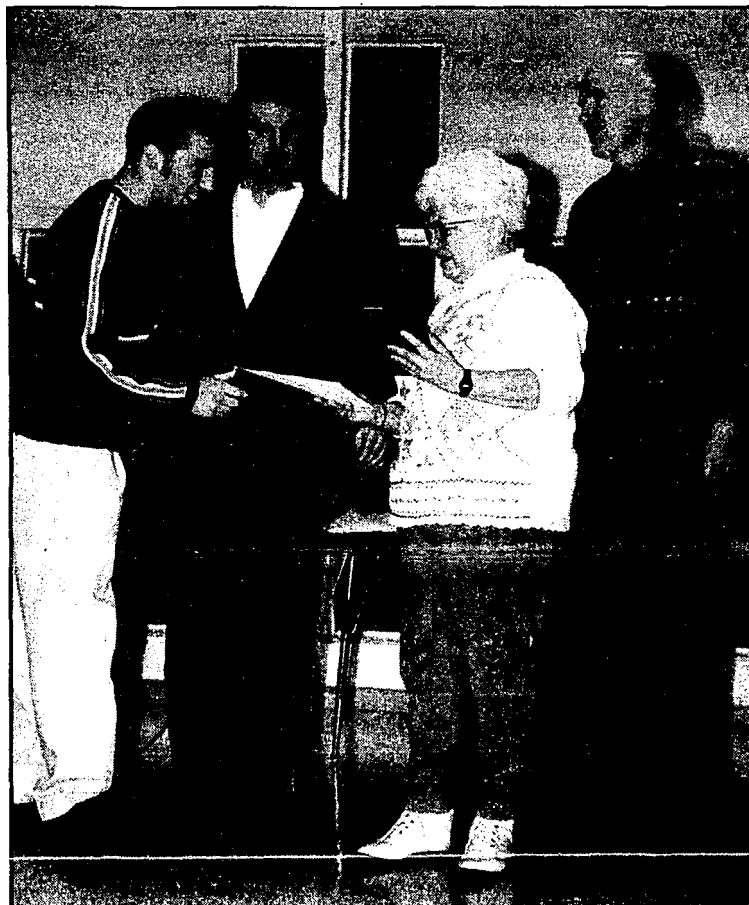
Three-point shooting: Hinkle, 41% (46/113); Hawkins, 37% (13/35); Millikin, 36% (16/30); Beckwith, 32% (29/90); Tobin 30% (10/33).

Deflections: Hinkle, 160; Ritter, 133; Tobin, 133; Hawkins, 102.

Hinkle's 469 points this season put his career total at 1,257, just 80 points shy of Jim Tobin's GHS career scoring record of 1,337 points.

Eli Tobin's 134 assists total was the 8th most in a season in GHS history. He also owns the sixth spot on the list with last year's tally of 157 assists.

As a team, the Vikings finished 9-7 in the NEMC this year. Grayling tied with Bay City John Glenn for third place in the conference. Ogemaw Heights won the NEMC title with a 14-2 record, and Standish Sterling Central took second, posting a 13-3 overall record.



SPECIAL AWARD -- Mr. and Mrs. Graff were honored by the basketball team (represented here by Travis Huber and Coach Rich Moffit) for supporting the team this year.



SENIORS -- (left to right) Five of the Varsity Basketball Team's six seniors: Mike Ostwald, Jeremy Millikin, Travis Huber, Pete Mead, and Brad Ritter. (Nate Beckwith is the other.)

GHS hosts 4th Annual Lift-A-Thon

The Grayling High School football program hosted its 4th Annual Lift-A-Thon on Wednesday, March 24, to raise money for the GHS weight room.

The competitive event drew 82 lifters this year. All proceeds will go toward improving the high school weight room.

Lifters were given three lifts to obtain a maximum.

The boys were divided into grade and then split into three divisions according to body weight. Here are the results of the boys' competition:

9th graders

Division 1

1st Jason Hoesli
2nd Andy Palmer
3rd Matt Gabriel

Division 2

1st Matt Tuck
2nd Larry Baynham
3rd Charlie Nichols

Division 3

1st Tom King
2nd Robert Cooper
3rd Jimmy Welch

10th graders

Division 1

1st Cameron McClain
2nd Jason Arwood
3rd Peter Belcher

Division 2

1st Victor CdeBaca
2nd Bill Cox
3rd Dave Goltick

Division 3

1st Josh Quintano
2nd Sean Mitchell
3rd Nick Baynham

11th graders

Division 1

1st Ray Trudgeon
2nd Dusty Lohrer
3rd Eli Tobin

Division 2

1st Casey Helsel
2nd Joe Fritz
3rd Joe Capuano

Division 3

1st Eric Deline
2nd Brandon Gabriel
3rd Mike Arwood

12th graders

Division 1

1st Jason Potter
2nd Pete Mead
3rd Mike Ostwald

Division 2

1st Kyle Maples
2nd Travis Huber
3rd Jeremy Millikin

Division 3

1st Travis Beckett
2nd Travis Pearl
3rd Chad Ellis

The girls were split into three divisions based on body weight. Here are the female top placers:

Division 1

1st Marianne Vollmer
2nd Mindi Collins
3rd Gretchen Goeckerman

Division 2

1st Shannon Anglebrandt
2nd Sara Van Guilder
3rd Tanya Helsel

Division 3

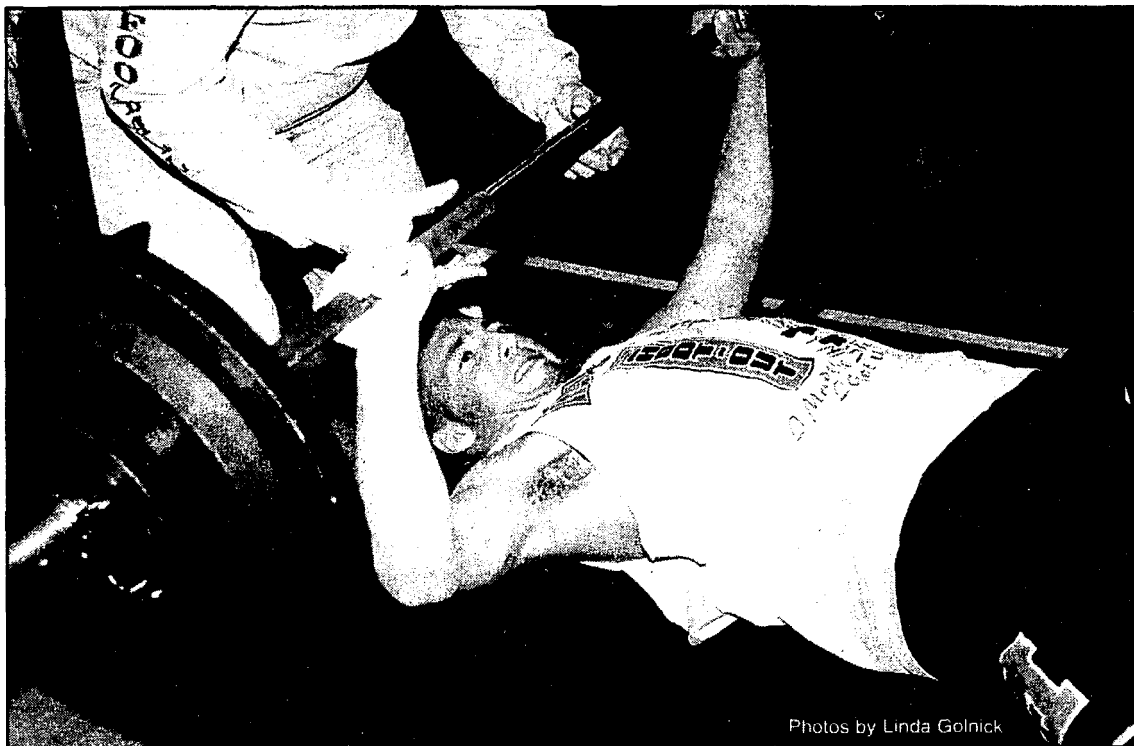
1st Tasha Carlisle
2nd Jennie Hubbard
3rd Katie Bonnie

The winner of the Open Division (adult division) was Lance Davis.

Other awards given out included: "Best Lifter" (most over body weight) and "Best Female Lifter."

Best Lifter: Dusty Lohrer (102 over body weight); Runner-Up: Jason Potter (99 over body weight)
Best Female Lifter: Marianne Vollmer (16 over body weight)

All participants that raised \$10 or more in donations or pledges received a Lift-A-Thon T-shirt.



Photos by Linda Goltick

LIFT-A-THON COMPETITION -- Travis Huber, a senior at Grayling High School, goes for a maximum at last Wednesday's 4th Annual Lift-A-Thon. Proceeds from the fundraiser/competition will benefit the GHS weight room.



BENCHING -- Grayling High School junior Adam Knapp goes for a max on the bench press.



PUMPING IRON -- Nicole Craigie shows her strength on the bench press.

Power lifters take 2nd at U.P. State Championships

Grayling High School's power lifters recently took 2nd place at the Upper Peninsula State Championships tournament, which was held in Newberry.

Thirteen of Grayling's 15 lifters placed at the meet, including: Josh Quintano, 2nd; Tom King, 2nd; Jason Arwood, 1st; Mike Arwood, 1st; Dusty Lohrer, 1st; Armand Lawrence, 1st; Brett Black, 3rd; Marc Kiefer, 5th; Casey Helsel, 2nd; Travis Huber, 1st; Travis Beckett, 2nd; Bob Cooper, 3rd; Dan Corwin, 3rd.

Lohrer was the top lifter at the U.P. tournament in the "165 and below" division.

Three Grayling lifters put up over 1,000 pounds combined in the three lifting events (bench, squat and dead lift), and team members lifted 400 pounds six times in either squat or dead lift.

Coach Rodney Patterson said that four years ago only one lifter hit the 1,000 pound combined mark, and no Grayling lifters hit 400. "That shows how much we've accomplished this year," said Patterson.

Prior to the Newberry tournament, the Grayling lifters participated in a meet at Vassar. Grayling took fourth place as a team, and the following lifters earned individual medals: Tom King, 1st; Josh Quintano, 1st; Jason Arwood, 1st; Mike Arwood, 3rd; Dan Corwin, 3rd; Bob Cooper, 3rd.

The team has one more meet, which will be held in Oscoda on April 24.

Coach Patterson felt the team has had a pretty successful season so far. "The goal was to get the kids

excited about lifting," said Patterson. "Now I can't get these guys out of the weight room."

Patterson also mentioned that the team has had great parental support this year, especially from Mr. Cooper, who bought the entire team dinner at Ponderosa in Newberry.

Gaylord's 14th annual Starker-Mann Biathlon

Start spring training now and become a "Starker-Mann" on May 15. That's the date that the 14th annual Starker-Mann Biathlon returns to Gaylord offering a race for everyone. Individual and team divisions are all a part of this challenging biathlon. New for 1999 is the "Corporate Challenge" consisting of three person coed teams that will compete against one another for a traveling trophy.

The name "Starker-Mann" is German for "strong man" and the long course lives up to that name. Individual racers will compete on the course consisting of a 3.1 mile run, 18-mile bike ride and a 3.1 mile run through the rolling terrain and spectacular scenery of Northern Michigan.

Awards will be given in many different age divisions and all participants will receive a long sleeve t-shirt as well as food and drink. Entry fees at \$25 prior to May 1, \$30 after May 1, and \$35 on race day.

If you're not up to the long course on your own, find a partner and enter the team relay. One runner and one biker will compete in male, female and coed categories. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third places in all three categories. Registration fees for the team event are \$35 per team if the entry is made before May 1, \$40 after May 1, and \$45 per team on race day. All team relay entrants receive a long sleeve t-shirt and food and drink.

For novices and beginners the

Starker-Mann offers a "Short or Fun Race." This ideal course consists of a 1.5 mile run, a 10-mile bike ride followed by a .25 mile run winding through moderate elevation changes. Registration is just \$18 (with a shirt) and \$10 (without a shirt) and all racers receive a medal, food, drink and lots of camaraderie.

A total of 200 participants are expected to complete the race, which begins and ends at Hidden Valley Resort, 1 mile east of Gaylord.

Proceeds from the Starker-Mann benefit the Gaylord High School Cross-Country Team. The biathlon is sponsored by Otsego Memorial Hospital.

Call 800-345-8621 or (517) 732-4000 to receive your entry brochure.

Notice of Retirement



Sangkyu Shin, M.D.

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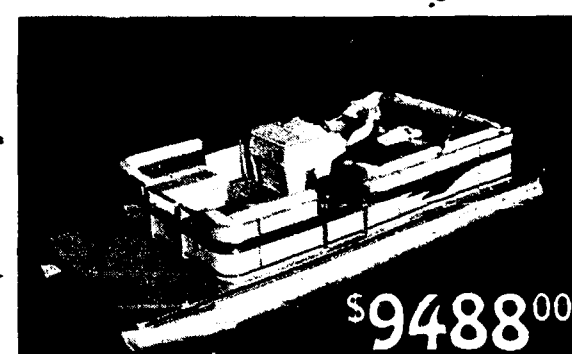
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Fenton's Auto 9 - 19		Us & Them 26 - 30		Cornell 20 - 32
Moore's Auto 6 - 22		Citgo 26 - 30		High Game: V. Balmes, 228; B. Wheeler, 189; K. Moshier, 188.
High Game: M. Keir, 290; D. Canfield, 258; B. Hurd, 246.		Wakeley's Auto Parts 23 - 33		High Series: V. Balmes, 539; B. Wheeler, 507; K. Moshier, 504.
High Series: D. Canfield, 646; M. Keir, 641; B. Hurd, 638.		Men's High Game: J. Helsel, 220; R. Hinds, 215; M. Ashworth, 214.		
Triangle		Men's High Series: R. Hinds, 618; M. Ashworth, 609; J. Helsel, 595.		
C.S.I. Ind. Sys. 32.5 - 19.5		Women's High Game: J. Hinds, 193; L. Dannenberg, 190; D. Ashworth, 182; S. Romain, 182; M. Starks, 182.		
Sumner 32.5 - 19.5		Women's High Series: J. Hinds, 517; S. Sumner, 511; M. Starks, 506.		
Airway Auto 29 - 23		Friday Mixed Doubles		
Barber Const. 27 - 25		Charlie's Country Corner 32 - 16		
Moshier Auto 24.5 - 27.5		Moshier Auto Repair 31.5 - 16.5		
Johnson 10.5 - 41.5		Hilltop Manor HCC 26 - 22		
High Game: R. Myers, 252; M. Campbell, 216; M. Sumner, 212.		R. Calkins & Sons 23 - 25		
		Aunt Betty's 22 - 26		
		Just Us 21.5 - 26.5		
		Sawmill 21 - 27		
		Fick & Sons 15 - 33		
		High Game Men: L. Helsel, 203; J. Campbell, 199; M. Sumner, 174.		
		High Series Men: L. Helsel, 550; J.		
		Women's Standings		
		Sawmill II 206		
		Plaza 177		
		Spikes 177		
		Frederic Inn 152		
		Legion 151		
		Sawmill I 141		
		6 Ball Run: Chris, Vickie P.		
		Two 5 Ball Runs: Beth P, Patsey P.		
		5 Ball Run: Sandy P., Dee K., Audrey W.)		
		National First		
		Faustman's Insurance 53 - 17		
		Century 21 48 - 22		
		Grayling Ford 47 - 23		
		Northern White Tail 33 - 37		
		Forrest Brothers 28 - 42		
		Hellebuyck Masonry 26 - 44		
		Swamp II 24 - 46		
		Gun's & Grub's 21 - 49		
		High Game: P. Miller, 257; D. Canfield, 246; B. Palmer, 233.		
		High Series: P. Miller, 706; B. Palmer, 654; S. Jones, 649.		
		Recreation League		
		Pioneer League		
		Millikin's 28 - 16		
		Avalanche 27.5 - 16.5		
		Custom Interior 26 - 18		
		Chemical Bank 24.5 - 19.5		
		Aunt Betty's 23 - 21		
		Ginger's 22.5 - 21.5		
		Mercy Hospital 15 - 29		
		Lady Slippers 9.5 - 34.5		
		High Game: L. Golinick, 221; K. Moshier, 200; S. Sumner, 199.		
		High Series: L. Golinick, 559; K. Moshier, 546; J. Hinds, 533.		

POOL LEAGUE

Women's Standings

Sawmill II	206
Plaza	177
Spikes	177
Frederic Inn	152
Legion	151
Sawmill I	141

6 Ball Run: Chris, Vickie P.
Two 5 Ball Runs: Beth P, Patsey P.
5 Ball Run: Sandy P., Dee K., Audrey W.)

MIDDLE SCHOOL WRESTLING

On Saturday, March 27, the GMS Wrestling Team completed its 1999 season by competing in the league finals held in Oscoda. There were 23 different teams and over 500 wrestlers involved.

The Grayling team sent 17 wrestlers to compete. Individual winners were: Darryl Babbitt, 1st; Billy Partello, 1st; Zak VanNuck, 1st; Brandon Pratt, 2nd; Sam Crowell, 3rd; Dan Connell, 3rd; Dave Connell, 3rd; Jesse CdeBaca, 3rd; Adam Malone, 4th; Mike Gassman, 4th; Justin Robinson, 4th; Dan Snider, 4th; Zak Wegner, 4th; Roy Middleton, 4th; Jesse Gildner, 4th; Dusty Partello, 5th.

GRA YOUTH WRESTLING

The GRA (Grayling Recreation Authority) Youth Wrestling Team traveled to Oscoda for league finals on Saturday, March 27.

Nine out of 22 Grayling wrestlers placed and earned medals in their weight division, including: Joey Ferrigan, 1st; Timmy VanNuck, 1st; Billy Stewart, 1st; Joel Wilson, 2nd; Eli VanNuck, 3rd; Cody Partello, 3rd; Troy Wilson, 4th; Cody Malone, 4th; Daniel CdeBaca, 4th.

MEN'S SOFTBALL

The Grayling Men's Softball League is looking for volunteers to help with the installation of lights at the Hanson Hills field.

Equipment is also needed, including a trencher and boon truck.

The league is also seeking sponsors for the outfield fence. Different rates and packages are available.

Anyone wishing to sponsor, volunteer to help with the lights, or volunteer to help with infield maintenance this season should contact Joe Lehman at 348-2292.

GRAYLING LITTLE LEAGUE



FIELD DEDICATION -- Grayling Youth Booster Club supporters help dedicate the Irving McIsaac Grayling Youth Booster Club Baseball Field in 1994.

APPLICATION TO PLAY LITTLE LEAGUE

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I/We agree to return upon request the uniform and other equipment issued to my/our child in as good a condition as when received except for normal wear and tear.

I/We will furnish a certified birth certificate of the above named candidate to League Officials.

Parent(s) or Guardian Signature: _____

Please indicate any physical limitations (allergies, hearing, sight, etc.). _____

Name of family hospitalization plan: _____ School: _____

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LEGAL ACTION

SYNOPSIS BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP

Regular Meeting March 8, 1999

The regular meeting of the Beaver Creek Township Board was held March 8, 1999. It was called to order by the Supervisor at 7 p.m. Board members present: Riley, Mobarak and Hartman. Absent: Balmes and McDonough.

Motion by Mobarak to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting held February 8, 1999 and the special meeting held on February 25, 1999. Seconded and carried.

Motion by Mobarak to accept written treasurer's report. Seconded and carried.

Reports given by Supervisor and Firechief on Fire Department/DPW/Planning and Zoning.

Eleven pieces of correspondence were received. Discussion regarding the 4-H request for funding, and will be discussed next month.

Old Business: Supervisor stated that King Road has been discussed with the Road Commission.

New Business:

1. Motion by Hartman, to purchase a block of 20 recycling stickers from Grayling Township to resell at township.

2. Discussion regarding State program for governments to purchase land before it goes to tax sale. Motion by Riley to purchase 6 acres on Millikin Lane to be cleaned up and resold to highest bidder. Seconded and carried.

3. Motion by Mobarak to adopt Fire Prevention Code Ordinance #17. Seconded by Riley. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0. Motion carried. (Ordinance previously published in *Avalanche*)

4. Motion by Mobarak and seconded by Hartman to approve the Amendment to Ordinance #17. Ayes: 3, nays: 0. Motion carried.

5. Motion to pay AP bills, seconded and carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Sharon K. Hartman
Clerk

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by ANTHONY PIZZI, a single man to North American Mortgage Company, A Delaware Corporation Mortgagee, dated December 29, 1995 and recorded on January 19, 1996, in Liber 406, on page 82, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgagee to Citicorp Mortgage, Inc., a Delaware Corporation by an assignment dated August 5, 1998, and recorded on September 23, 1998, in Liber 463, on page 355, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of thirty one thousand twenty one and 79/100 Dollars (\$31,021.79), including interest at 8.250% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and approved, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of County Building, Grayling, MI, at 10:00 a.m. on May 5, 1999.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan and are described as:

The west 70 feet of Lot 1 and the north-easterly 4 feet of Lot 12, Block 20, Original Plat of the Village (now City) Grayling, according to the plat there as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 2, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 25, 1999
Attorney for: Assignee of Mortgagee
ROBERT A. TREMAIN & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
401 South Old Woodward Avenue
Suite 300
Birmingham, MI 48009-6616
CITICORP MORTGAGE, INC.
Assignee of Mortgagee

-25-1-8-15-22

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Louise E. Herrick, a single woman (original mortgagor) to Citizens Bank, f/k/a Grayling State Bank, Mortgagee, dated June 5, 1992, and recorded on June 10, 1992 in Liber 343, on Page 217, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FORTY-ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR AND 14/100 Dollars (\$41,844.14), including interest at 8.125% per annum. Adjustable rate mortgage. Interest rate may change 06/05 each year.

Under the power of sale contained in said

mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m., on April 28, 1999.

Said premises are situated in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 4, East Branch Estates, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 08, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 18, 1999

For information, please call:
(248) 593-1303

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys for Citizens Bank
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
Bingham Farms, MI 48025

File # 990202252
Ravens

-18-25-1-8-15

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mark E. Easterle, and Anissa Ann Easterle, his wife (original mortgagors) to Citizens Bank, A Michigan Banking Corporation, Mortgagee, dated August 15, 1997, and recorded on December 16, 1997 in Liber 437, on Page 357, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTY-SEVEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVEN AND 85/100 Dollars (\$67,267.85), including interest at 7.250% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m., on April 28, 1999.

Said premises are situated in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 6, Harbor Beach, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 42 & 43, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 18, 1999

For information, please call:
(248) 593-1303

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys for Citizens Bank
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
Bingham Farms, MI 48025

File # 990202253
Ravens

-18-25-1-8-15

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by GRACE L. WALKER, a single person to United State of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture now known as USDA, Rural Development Mortgagee, dated September 16, 1994, and recorded on September 16, 1994, in Liber 383, on page 567, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of sixty five thousand nine hundred twenty five and 01/100 Dollars (\$65,925.01), including interest at 8.750% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and approved, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of County Building, Grayling, MI, at 10:00 a.m. on April 14, 1999.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan and are described as:

Lot 13, Red Wing Terrace, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, page 22, Crawford County Records, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 4, 1999

Attorney for: Mortgagee

ROBERT A. TREMAIN & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
401 South Old Woodward Avenue

Suite 300
Birmingham, MI 48009-6616
USDA, RURAL DEVELOPMENT
Mortgagee

-4-11-18-25-1

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

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MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by DEBORAH BONENFANT to United State of America, acting through the United States Department of Agriculture now known as USDA, Rural Development Mortgagee, dated June 4, 1996, and recorded on June 4, 1996, in Liber 412, on page 376, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of sixty seven thousand six hundred five and 61/100 Dollars (\$67,605.61), including interest at 6.750% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and approved, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of County Building, Grayling, MI, at 10:00 a.m. on April 14, 1999.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan and are described as:

All that part of the West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 15, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, lying on the south side of M-72.

The redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale unless a written notice that the premises are not abandoned is given to the mortgagee by first class mail in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 4, 1999

Attorney for: Mortgagee

ROBERT A. TREMAIN & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
401 South Old Woodward Avenue
Suite 300

Birmingham, MI 48009-6616
USDA, RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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348-6811**

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE-Default has occurred in a mortgage made by MARK COSSARINI and MIMI COSSARINI, husband and wife, to First National Bank of America, f/k/a First National Bank of Michigan, dated May 19, 1998 and recorded on May 21, 1998, in Liber 454, Page 150, Crawford County Records. The mortgagee has begun proceedings to recover any part of the debt, which is now \$15,105.28.

The mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the property, at public auction to the highest bidder, on Wednesday, April 28, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. local time, at front door of Crawford County Courthouse, Grayling, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the mortgage, together with interest at 14.95 per cent, foreclosure costs, attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance that the mortgage holder pays before the sale.

The property is located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan and is described in the mortgage as:

The South 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 25, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, excepting 33 feet off the West side for road purposes.

The redemption period will be one year from the date of sale.

Dated: March 15, 1999

Joseph B. Backus

Attorney for Mortgage Holder

P.O. Box 794
East Lansing, MI 48826
(517) 337-1617

-25-1-8-15

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT

**COUNTY OF CRAWFORD
ESTATE OF DONALD V. GROSS,
DECEASED
BY CHERYL M. ROTH, INDEPENDENT
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE,
PLAINTIFF**

**VS
JANET YARGER and CAROL
HOBART,
File No. 99 0007 CK
ORDER TO ANSWER**

TO: JANET YARGER, DEFENDANT

YOU ARE BEING SUED by the Plaintiff in this Court regarding a Complaint to Quiet Title. You must file your Answer or take other action permitted by law in the Probate Court at 200 West Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan 49738 on or before April 28, 1999. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

Date: March 24, 1999

David R. Sabin, P19822

Attorney for Plaintiff

115 Michigan Avenue

Grayling, MI 49738

(517) 348-5588

-1-8-15

CRAWFORD COUNTY HOUSING AND REHABILITATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF BOARD POSITION

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners are presently accepting applications for a position on the County Housing and Rehabilitation Commission. Applicants are required to be county residents and requested to have a genuine interest in the housing stock for Crawford County and participate in the many decisions which take place at monthly meetings. Applications can be obtained and submitted to County Clerk Sandra Moore no later than April 9, 1999 at the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738.

Sandra Moore
County Clerk/Register of Deeds

-1-8

NOTICE

There will be two positions to be filled for the Crawford AuSable School Board of Education at the regular school election. Each position is a 4 year term. The deadline for filing is 4:00 p.m. Monday, April 12, 1999. Petitions may be obtained at 403 E. Michigan Avenue, Grayling.

-25-1

BIDS FOR BLACKTOP

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1. Town Hall - capping existing asphalt, approximately 7200 sq. ft. average 1 inch thick all prep work
2. Fire Hall - asphalt paving approximately 17,000 sq. ft., to include catch basin and pipe gravel as needed capping over old asphalt and repair as needed in front of building

**Township Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Monday - Friday
Bids are due by noon, April 12, 1999
Bids will be opened at Regular Board Meeting,
April 13, 1999, 7:00 p.m.**

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LEGAL NOTICE

Owen Specialty Services, Inc., 300 Fenway Drive, Fenton, Michigan 48430, announces that it is planning to apply herbicides along Consumers Energy Company Transmission line rights-of-way in order to maintain the reliability of its power system.

This project will involve a low-volume selective application of foliar herbicides. The herbicides to be used are Accord by Monsanto with the active ingredient glyphosate and Arsenal by American Cyanamid with the active ingredient imazapyr. The applications are scheduled to begin June 7, 1999 and continue no later than November 6, 1999.

An alternate project will involve a low-volume basal bark application. The herbicides to be used are Garlon 4 by DowElanco with the active ingredient triclopyr and BK800 by pbi Gordon with the active ingredient isooctyl. The applications are scheduled to begin about March 8, 1999 and continue no later than December 31, 1999.

This work will be completed in the following areas:

County	Townships
Crawford	South Branch Lovell's

All treatments will be completed according to label requirements and all applicable state and federal regulations by certified applicators. There are no reentry restrictions.

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FEATURES

HOROSCOPES

For The Week Of April 4-10

ARIES
March 21-April 20
Tax time approacheth. Are you ready? In your best interest and for your own peace of mind, it would be best if you didn't wait until the last minute this year. Get started now on your taxes and avoid that last-minute stress. Family time is important this week.

TAURUS
April 21-May 21
Have you finished your taxes or do you have an appointment with an accountant? You had better get started on it. Make it your goal to get a head start on tax season next year. Don't forget that promise to help a close friend this weekend.

GEMINI
May 22-June 21
This week, changes are in the cards for you, but don't worry—there is good news. Those changes should help you keep your mind off your problems at home. Don't back off your new exercise regime. It will help you feel better about yourself, and those around you will notice.

CANCER
June 22-July 22
Just remember, once you get your taxes done, you can celebrate! That should be incentive enough for you not to wait until April 15. Get them done today. Plan something special for Saturday. It's been awhile since you've gotten together with friends.

LEO
July 23-August 23
It's time to stand firm and say "No!" to extra work. Just because someone else didn't meet expectations and deadlines, that shouldn't mean you are the one to pick up the slack. Be prepared to deal with a no-win situation at home.

VIRGO
August 24-September 22
Every year, you let your taxes go to the last minute. You've done it again, haven't you? Don't you think it's time for you to break this pattern? Old habits die hard, but you can set new goals for yourself and stick to them.

LIBRA
September 23-October 23
Have fun and romance been in short supply for you recently? This is the week to do something about it! Why not plan a special evening for you and that special person? Start with a romantic dinner. Then go to a movie or an art gallery opening.

SCORPIO
October 24-November 22
Yes, it's your favorite time of year... tax time. If you've kept good records, it shouldn't be a problem to get those forms done. If your records are in disarray, you need professional help. Call right now for an appointment. April 15 is almost here.

SAGITTARIUS
November 23-December 21
You just may be surprised with some financial support from an unlikely source. First, use the money wisely. Then make sure you understand the reasoning behind the support, and don't take for granted that more is on the way.

CAPRICORN
December 22-January 20
A close friend could be headed for trouble. Be a good friend and lend him/her your support. If they ask for advice, be helpful, but don't lecture. A special occasion at work could be very valuable to you, but just remember to be yourself.

AQUARIUS
January 21-February 18
You may be at work physically, but your mind is off in a tropical paradise. Hey, why not plan to really go there? You have vacation time saved, use it. You deserve it. Tempers may flare at home this week, so watch what you say.

PISCES
February 19-March 20
You need to look for ways to save your time and energy. Organizing ideas and goals is a first step. And you have to get rid of that extra baggage you're dragging around. It's bringing you down and affecting the way you treat others.

For Entertainment Purposes Only

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

NEST COOKIES

- 1 1/2 cups all purpose flour
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 cup shortening
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 egg white
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 2 tbsp. milk
- 2 cups shredded coconut
- 5 oz. jelly beans assorted flavors

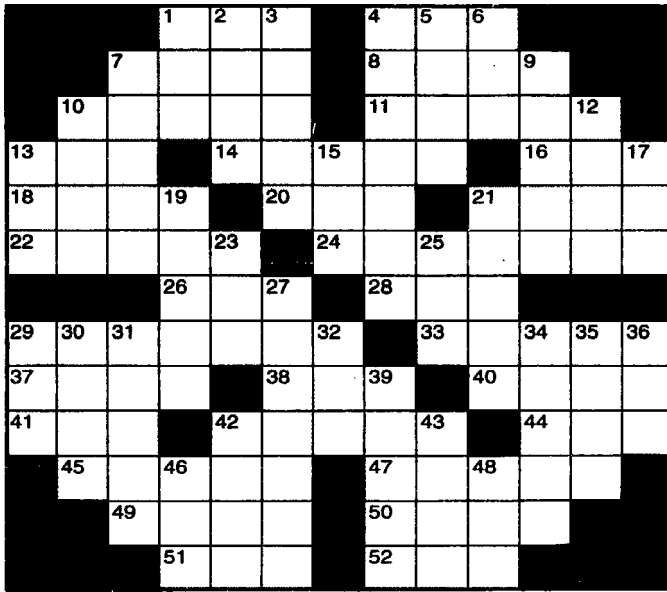
Heat oven to 375 degrees F. Sift together flour, baking powder and salt and set aside. In a large bowl beat

shortening, sugar, egg white and vanilla until well blended. Add flour mixture and milk until blended. Stir in coconut. Roll dough into a ball, divide in half. Roll 15 one-inch balls from each half and place on ungreased baking sheet. Make thumb print depression in center of each ball to form nest. Bake 6 minutes. Remove from oven and place four jelly beans in center of each cookie. Return to oven and bake 5 more minutes. Transfer cookies to wire rack to cool. Makes 30 cookies.



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ACROSS

- 1. Girlish: abbr.
- 4. Bedouin cloak
- 7. Presidential nox
- 8. He carries on for Carson
- 10. Begin's Camp David partner
- 11. Mineral
- 13. "Annie Get Your ____"
- 14. Iced-tea flavoring
- 16. Wool cap
- 18. Expanse
- 20. ____ Joaquin
- 21. Director Clair
- 22. Sign, on the Seine
- 24. Esteemed
- 26. Snug ____ bug in a rug (2 wds.)
- 28. Brillo rival
- 29. Lacking direction
- 33. India's neighbor
- 37. Sinking-in phrase
- 38. Undermine
- 40. Country star McEntire
- 41. Pot cover
- 42. More buttonlike?
- 44. Merino male
- 45. More respectable
- 47. Lose one's poker face
- 49. Cryptographer's subject
- 50. Egad, e.g.
- 51. Pulp author Buntline
- 52. Three, to Luigi

DOWN

- 1. Gave breakfast to
- 2. Common Latin abbr.
- 3. Tiny specks
- 4. Hershey Bar nuts
- 5. "I've ____ Working On The Railroad"
- 6. Aardvark's ort
- 7. Barn toppers
- 9. Tom Mix two-reeler
- 10. By all means!
- 12. Strike site
- 13. Silence by force
- 15. Barnyard sound
- 17. It's between sm. and lg. (Hamlet) (2 wds.)
- 19. "I could ____ unfold..."
- 21. Glee club platform
- 23. Paris-to-Zürich dir.
- 25. Before Tue.
- 27. Confident
- 29. Be miserable
- 30. "...pudding ____ the eating" (2 wds.)
- 31. Doc
- 32. Made a lap
- 34. Roost
- 35. Blind as ____ (2 wds.)
- 36. Crook's hasty departure
- 39. Presidential wild card of 1992
- 42. Give over
- 43. Back part
- 46. One in the stir
- 48. Chowd down

ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago April 1, 1976

Early spring rains, linked with warm weather and a large amount of snow have created flood conditions on the upper reaches of the South Branch of the AuSable River. Early Sunday morning Emergency Preparedness Director Howard Taylor and Sheriff Harold Hatfield placed emergency operations previously established into operation. Sand and sandbags were dispatched to the area and the local citizen's band club put out a cry for volunteers. By mid-morning, the threatened homes had been surrounded with sandbags and the areas surrounding the homes pumped clear of the threatening water.

Mrs. Joyce Ingalls has been named as the manager of the new branch of the Grayling State Bank.

The freshman class of 1979 at Grayling High School has been involved in a number of projects that have been worthwhile experiences for both the community and the students. Having accumulated earnings from various sales, the class has decided to invest their money in a CD at the Grayling State Bank. The officers of the class are: President Sue Ross, Vice-President Shelly Pick, Secretary Fawn Isenhauer and Treasurer Mickey Roach.

Horace Failing, hydrologic technician for USGS's Resources Division is retiring after more than 28 years service. He became an expert on the flow of streams in the Lower Peninsula. He is known locally for his success as a trout fisherman and flytying ability.

The National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs established a local unit here when 28 Grayling area women signed the charter. The officers for the new club are President Roberta

Wright, First Vice-President Eve Rabin, Second Vice-President Linda Sabin, Recording Secretary Catherine Stancil and Treasurer Ellabelle Goodwin.

In observance of the Bicentennial, members of Mrs. Knibbs second grade class have completed a large patchwork quilt. The tying off process was done on a 100-year-old quilting frame loaned to the class by Mrs. Bovee.

Members of the Gray-Lee judo club competed against clubs from Bellaire, Traverse City, and Petoskey. Maggie Ruddy took a first place. Duke Knight placed second and Brad Wejrowski placed third.

46 Years Ago March 26, 1953

Mrs. Don Gothro was hostess to the Tuesday Bridge Club last week. Mrs. Ella Wilcox was a guest. High score was held by Mrs. Tom Welsh and second high by Mrs. Menno Corwin. Mrs. Harry Souders won the consolation and galloping prize.

George Granger Jr., has enlisted in the army and is to report for duty April 15. During his basic training Mrs. Granger and son will be at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Jensen, at Hartwood Pines.

Mrs. Melvin Marshall entertained with a pinochle party on Friday evening. Miss Olga Nielsen held high score and Mrs. William Martin low.

69 Years Ago April 3, 1930

Hans L. Peterson made a business trip to Saginaw the latter part of the week.

Mrs. Charles Adams and daughters spent a few days last week visiting relatives and friends in Bay City.

Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Ingalls

and Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Stephan left Wednesday morning for Independence, Michigan to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ferguson have purchased the house now occupied by Herb Gothro and family.

92 Years Ago April 4, 1907

Mercury was down to six degrees above zero Sunday night.

Maple sugar making has started in several places in the county.

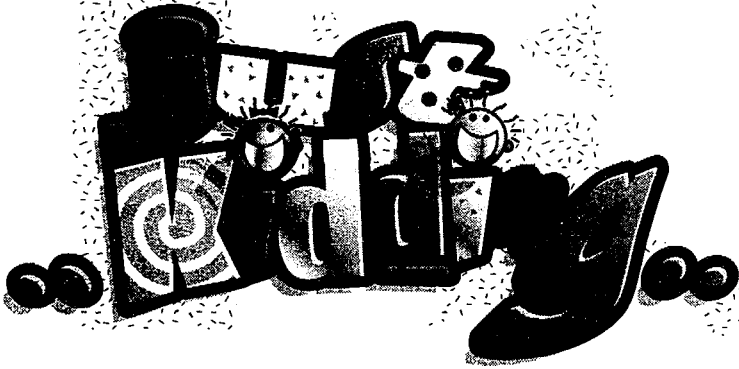
At the annual meeting of the Grayling Opera House Co., recently, J. F. Hum was elected President, F. Navin, vice president and Frank Jorgenson, Manager.

R. Hanson and Nels Olson have returned from Louisiana where they were on business for the Grayling Lumber Company.

1000 Years Ago April 1, 999

The people of Europe are becoming paranoid about Y1K. Although some of the trouble stems from violent disagreements about the actual date of the new millenium, most of the Y1K problem has people hoarding their money, getting new young horses, making gardens bigger and improving their fortifications because of the coming technology crunch. There is barely enough metal to provide for tools and weapons and now there is a demand for corset stays. There is an underground black-market melting down tools and weapons to provide corset stays. This underground market is squeezing out armorers and people are worried that peace may break out and the technology imperative will be waived.

Meanwhile the rest of the world, on very different calendars, is very confused by Europe's question, "Why one Kay?"



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JELLYBEANS
LILIES
PARADE
PETER COTTON TAIL
RABBIT
SPRING
SUNDAY
TULIP

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Date	H	L	8 a.m.
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3/26	36	17	22
3/27	49	18	26
3/28	58	22	28
3/29	61	28	39
3/30	53	22	35

Extended Forecast courtesy of the U.S. Weather Service in Gaylord: Thursday-chance of showers and thunderstorms with a high in the 60's. Friday-chance of showers and thunderstorms with the low in the upper 30's to low 40's and a high in the upper 50's to low 60's. Saturday-chance of showers with a low in the mid to upper 30's and a high in the 50's.

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2. For Rent

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2. For Rent

807 PLUM Two bedroom house. Recently remodeled and redecorated. \$410 per month plus utilities. Security deposit required. Call (517) 348-4006 between 9-5:30. (-1-8-15-22-29/2)

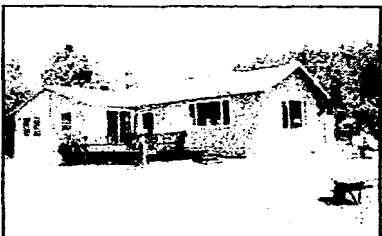
401-B BRINK STREET Two bedroom upstairs apartment. Remodeled and redecorated. \$385 per month plus utilities. Security deposit required. Call (517) 348-4006 between 9-5:30. (-1-8-15-22-29/2)

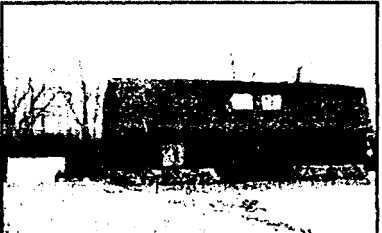
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ATTENTION HORSE LOVERS!! 2.5 acres on Beaver Road in Beaver Creek Twp. 26'x32' horse barn with loft, fencing, electric. 4 bedroom 2 bath home, 1,952 sq. ft., basement, deck, covered porch, 5 is 3 wood heat, large garden area, hardwoods at rear of property. Price Reduced \$89,500 CH-791

NICE HOME IN THE CITY! New vinyl siding & roof. 3 bedrooms, 1 bath offers 1,300 sq. ft. with natural gas heat, new gas log fireplace in family room. Formal dining room, fresh paint throughout. Partial basement. 1 1/2 car attached garage. Fenced in yard, walkout patio door onto large deck with bench seating. Immediate occupancy. Close to hospital, schools and shopping. \$69,500 CS-837

CLOSE ACCESS TO BEAR LAKE, STATE LAND AND TRAILS. Quality built 2 story home only 7 years new. Crestline windows, ceramic tile kitchen, built in microwave, dishwasher, stove and refrigerator. 4 bedroom with french doors, 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths. Full hardwood, privacy fence, master bedroom with built in closet, mirrored closet doors, ceramic tile bath with whirlpool and custom shower. \$95,000 CH-939


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GOOD THINGS DO COME IN SMALL PACKAGES! This is one of them! 800 sq. ft. with natural gas F.A. heat, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, fenced yard, 8'x10' deck, 12'x20' garage. Well maintained and immediate occupancy! \$44,500 CS-861

SHERWOOD FOREST - Exceptional location and value. Beautiful hardwoods on this large parcel. Split rail fencing. Home offers over 1,300 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, new vinyl siding and shutters. Large rear deck and natural gas H-W baseboard heat. \$75,500 CH-902

10 WOODED ACRES, 175' AUABLE RIVER FRONTAGE - STATE LAND ACROSS RIVER. Tranquil setting 60' from water's edge. This home is nestled amongst red and white pines. 4 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, all appliances, completely furnished including pots and pans. Kitchen, living room and dining room recently remodeled with knotty pine walls and drywall ceiling with wood beams, new kitchen cabinets and pantry. Thick fireplace with insert. Beautiful view of river from great room! 2 walkout patio doors. Price Reduced \$139,500 CS-872

FIVE UNIT APARTMENT BUILDING. This apt. complex totally renovated in 1991. Located just off North Down River Road in Grayling's city limits. Excellent investment opportunity. Income and expenses available from listing office. \$146,000 CH-903

CHARMING 3 BEDROOM, 1 1/2 bath with full basement. Nice location just minutes from town. Natural gas forced air heat, cable T.V., 2 car garage with cement apron, 3 decks and sidewalk. Appliances include stove, refrigerator, dishwasher and washer. \$68,000 CS-930

We're all about Up North!



Residential Recreation Acreage Commercial


NEWLY REMODELED home on a lot 112 x 130. Has 2 bedrooms, new carpet, windows, doors, and vinyl siding. Freshly painted and includes washer & dryer. Reduced \$45,500 (DL-1190)

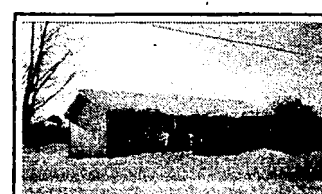
FULL LOG HOME with 210' frontage on AuSable Canal. Insulated and lighted block crawl with cement floor. 24'x24' pole barn and 10'x10' shed. Beautiful cedar trees cover front yard. Double lot. Kitchen has oak Merlot cabinets. All appliances included. Beautiful view. \$112,000 (JW-MIV-1136)

3 BEDROOM HOME in City of Grayling. 2 solar panels to help with heat expense. New linoleum in bathroom and utility room. Good location to schools, shopping and hospitals. \$48,000 (MC-1071)

TRIPLEX ON THE BEAUTIFUL AU-SABLE RIVER. All three units have a living room/kitchen combination, bedroom & bath, stove & refrigerator. \$98,000 (MC-1070)

117 FT. AUABLE RIVER with a gorgeous view from this 3,700 sq. ft. home with three bedrooms, three baths, attached garage, 2x6 walls, built-in appliances, hardwood floors, huge stone fireplace. Lots of storage and many extras. \$229,000 (TV-1130)

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FARM HOME ASSUMABLE, 4 bedroom modular, 1 block from Lake Margrethe with lake access. Reduced to \$58,500 (TV-1154)

THREE YEAR OLD WELL BUILT home in the city. Oak kitchen cabinets, attached garage with a cement drive & apron, full finished basement, 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths. \$89,000 (DM-1194)

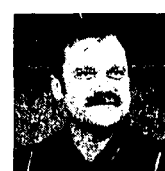
GREAT LOCATION close to AuSable River main stream & South Branch, state land, Wakeley Lake and snowmobile trail. 3 bedroom home with fireplace and 2 1/2 car garage. 10 wooded acres with lots of deer & turkeys. \$73,900 (DL-1177)

HORSESHOE TRAIL is the location of this 2 bedroom home located on 2.5 acres close access to AuSable River. State land and snowmobile trails. \$43,400 (DL-1146)

A VERY CLEAN WELL KEPT 3 bedroom home on a wooded 1 acre lot. Enclosed porch, fireplace and 2 car garage, includes stove and refrigerator. Close to Higgins Lake and state land. \$69,000 (TV-1080)

HANDYMAN SPECIAL. Located just minutes from downtown Grayling. 3 bedroom and garage. Well, septic and natural gas. \$35,000 (DL-1196)

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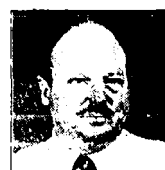
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2. For Rent

FOR RENT GETAWAY RETREAT Two bedroom Ausable River home, sleeps six. Week or weekend only. 348-7868. leave message. (6/25/98tf/2)

RIVERVIEW SENIOR APARTMENTS located at 306 Knight Street in Grayling is accepting applications for future vacancies of one and two bedroom units. Persons must be 62 years or older, or handicapped and/or disabled of any age. Rent based on income with rent subsidy available. Barrier free apartments in the building. Applications on site or call Linda at 1-800-225-7982. Managed by Stratford Group Ltd., 456 W. Baldwin, Alpena, MI 49707. Equal Housing Opportunity. Hearing TDD # 1-800-855-1155. (-18-25-1-8/2)

CLEAN ONE BEDROOM DUPLEX Nice neighbors, \$320 plus utilities, deposit, rental and employment refer. 310B Rolla. (517) 348-2178 (3/25/99tf/2)

TWO BEDROOM CABIN on lake. Furnished, utilities included. \$500 per month, \$200 sec. deposit. For inquiries (517) 732-4253. (-1-8/2)

2. For Rent

SMALL EFFICIENCY UNIT for single working person, furnished, includes utilities and cable. \$300 month plus deposit. Call (517) 348-5433. (2/11/99tf/2)

ADVERTISING DEADLINES: Regular Display - 1/2 to full page, 5 p.m. Thursday. All others 5 p.m. Friday. Classified Display - 12 noon Monday. Classified by the word - 12 noon Tuesday. These deadlines may change with notice due to holidays or special publication.

COMMERCIAL BUILDING FOR RENT available Nov. 1st. High visibility, off street parking suitable for office or retail. Leave message at (517) 348-7868. (10/15/98tf/2)

3. Employment

OUTSIDE SALES Growing distributor of pipe, valves, fittings, and instrumentation products seeks aggressive, experienced Outside Sales Representative for our Gaylord branch. Immediate opening. Candidate must be familiar with the Industrial, Plumbing, and Mechanical Contractor market and should have sales experience. College education preferred but not necessary. Individual should have computer experience, be familiar with the quote process and have good communication skills. Compensation includes salary, car allowance, bonus, health, dental, 401K and profit sharing. Send resume to: Sales Manager, Harrison Piping Supply Company, P.O. Box 3310, Livonia, MI 48150 (-25-1/3)

PART TIME POSITION for Grayling Area. Position available to merchandise greeting cards and related products in local stores. Training provided. Call 1-800-543-4110 between 8 and 4:30. Refer to job # 2444. American Greetings, EOE. (-1/3)

3. Employment

NOW HIRING FOR SUMMER employment. Waitstaff and kitchen staff. Must be able to work nights and weekends. Must be 18 or older. Apply at Grayling Country Club. (-1-8/3)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce and Area Visitors Council. The 347 member business and 19 member lodging organizations serve Crawford County. Applicants should be skilled in marketing, industrial and retail development, computer competent, and able to build coalitions. Salary range \$25,000-\$30,000. Resumes must be submitted by 5 p.m. April 2, to Search Committee, GRCC, P.O. Box 406, Grayling, MI 49738. No phone calls please. (-18-25-1-8/3)

SEASONAL HELP NEEDED in the following areas: Golf Course maintenance, restaurant waitstaff bartenders, line cooks, dishwasher/bus, beach house attendants. Interested applicants please apply in person at the management office at Lake of the North Association, 5950 Sky trails Ct. Mancelona, MI 49659 (616) 585-6000. References required. (-1-8-15-22/3)

THE CAR LOT is always open in the Avalanche classifieds. (517) 348-6811

LABORERS Entry level position with environmental service company. Heavy physical work, variable hours, some travel. You must have a good driving record. If you are a reliable worker, we can offer you a job with competitive benefits and the opportunity for advancement. Apply in person, Northern A-1 Services, 2305 N US 131, Kalkaska. EOE (-1-8/3)

WANTED MOTIVATED INDIVIDUAL to perform minor refrigeration and repair. Refrigerant certification preferred, good pay, benefits and training. Contact or call Jim between 9 a.m. to noon Monday or Tuesday, 1-800-922-1390. (-1-8/3)



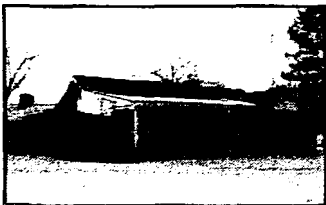
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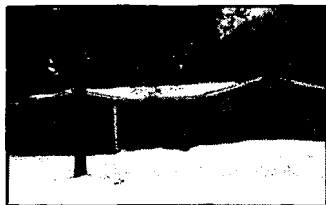
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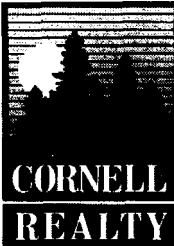
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Associate Broker



Cedar lined closet in master bedroom & family room. 26 feet of kitchen cabinets & butcher block counter top, walk-in pantry, solid 6 panel doors. The basement is finished with a small workshop, laundry room and a recreation room with bar. Attached 1 car garage. The 12x13 shed has drive-thru for snowmobiles. This home is priced to sell. Contact Connie Winans today to make an appointment to view this very clean, nicely decorated home! #4418 \$58,500 Ask for Connie Winans!



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HELP WANTED

Certified Brake Mechanic for tire store. Pay negotiable with experience. Benefits include Blue Cross Blue Shield, paid vacations and holidays.

Contact Steve at:
(517) 348-2887 or
1-800-358-6908.

-25-1/3



Holiday Inn Grayling HELP WANTED

Come join our team. Now hiring servers, bus people, cooks and prep-persons. Restaurant hours from 6 a.m.-2 p.m. and 5 p.m. - 10 p.m. Please obtain an application at the front desk and return it to Brenda Petrosky-Bergan, Restaurant Manager or Larry Bachman, Executive Chef. No phone calls please.

Holiday Inn Grayling
I-75 Business Loop
Grayling, MI 49738

-1-8/3

NOTICE OF JOB OPENING Monday, March 29, 1999

There is a job opening for the position of Corrections Officer within this office.

We are looking for a highly motivated, dedicated and career minded individual to perform the job functions accurately and swiftly with due respect to co-workers, citizens and residents of the Crawford County Jail.

The job requirements are as follows:

- High School Diploma or GED Equivalent and completion of two years, or more of college preferred.
- M.C.O.T.C. certification preferred.
- Must be a United States citizen.
- Must be a resident of the State of Michigan prior to employment and must be able to relocate to Crawford County within six (6) months.
- Must be at least twenty one (21) years of age.
- Must possess no felony criminal history. Must possess no criminal history which may question his/her credibility as a corrections officer.
- Must possess a valid, unrestricted, Michigan drivers license.
- Must successfully complete the employment screening process which may include written, oral, psychological and physical evaluations/screening as well as a background check.
- Must be able to perform all of the functions associated with corrections work.

This will remain posted from Monday, March 29, 1999 through Wednesday, April 7, 1999 at 12:00 noon.

Anyone interested in this position should submit a resume to the Crawford County Sheriff's Office to Sheriff David G. Lovely or his confidential secretary, Tina Bassett, no later than Monday, April 7, 1999 at 4:00 p.m.

David G. Lovely - Sheriff

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Real Estate Foreclosure Sale

Crawford County Courthouse
April 14, 1999 at 10:00 a.m.
Address: 349 Red Tail Hawk Loop
Grayling, MI 49738
Minimum Bid: \$39,180
2 bedroom, 1 bath

Offer must be in form of certified check or money order the day of the sale.
Equal Housing Opportunity

For information contact Rural Development at:
USDA Rural Development
240 W. Wright St.
West Branch, MI 48661
(517) 345-5470



Real Estate Foreclosure Sale

Crawford County Courthouse
April 14, 1999 at 10:00 a.m.
Address: 3662 East M-72
Grayling, MI 49738
Minimum Bid: \$28,423
4 bedroom, 1 bath
Redemption Period: one (1) month

Offer must be in form of certified check or money order the day of the sale.
Equal Housing Opportunity

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3. Employment

WANTED: TRUCK DRIVERS Motivated individuals with Class A or Class B with air brakes endorsement. Daily routes out of Grayling, home every evening. Hourly pay with O/T. Call Scott at (517) 344-2088. (-1-8-15/3)

LOOKING FOR PEOPLE to assist two individuals in their own home with daily living. Eight hour shifts 4 p.m.-12 p.m. and 12 a.m.-8 a.m. Full and part-time needed. Benefits, training provided. Call Northern Management at 517-732-6374. (11/12/98uf/3)

NEED RUBBER STAMPS? Call the Crawford County Avalanche at 348-6811.

DO YOU WANT to be more successful? Spicer's Boat City is now accepting applications for Finance and Insurance Sales. Applicant must have a built in drive to succeed, exemplary organization skills, ambitious, an eye for detail, a positive and professional attitude and enjoy working with people. Your income is only limited by your potential. Full time with an excellent benefit package including profit sharing and vacation. Weekends required. Please send resume to: Spicer's Boat City, Attention: Shelly, 4165 W. Houghton Lake Dr., Houghton Lake, MI 48629. Be assured that your resume will be kept in confidence. (-25-1/3)

Millwrights Production Machine Maintenance Technicians

We need mechanical technicians that have the following industrial skills:

- ☐ production machine maintenance
 - ☐ packaging machine maintenance
 - ☐ conveying system maintenance
- Also able to:
- ☐ install and set-up equipment
 - ☐ perform preventive maintenance
 - ☐ repair/replace/align gear boxes, shafts, couplings, all components of drive systems
 - ☐ troubleshoot high speed equipment

We are expanding our maintenance division and need personnel that already have the above skills. An excellent attitude, willing to work in a team oriented environment, and doing whatever it takes to get the job done is as important as technical skills. Most of our work is in the northern to mid-Michigan area. Must be willing to travel and sometimes be on assignment for several weeks to six months. We offer a competitive wage, paid holidays, vacations, BC/BS health care and a retirement plan.

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101 Mill St.
Cheboygan, MI 49721
Ph. # 1-616-627-8939 or 9692
Fax #: 1-616-627-2216 -1/3

INSTRUCTOR: Needed full time instructor for Commercial Truck Driving School in Gaylord area. Must hold a CDL-A, with a minimum of 2 years driving experience. If interested please call (517) 495-8300, or send resume to: **CARDL CORP., P.O. Box 1725, Midland, MI 48641-1725**

MERCY AMICARE HOME CARE & HOSPICE

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MERCY AMICARE HOMECARE & HOSPICE IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

HOMECARE-Contingent Respiratory Therapist. Candidate will be responsible for initial in-home respiratory equipment set-up and instruction. You will document physical and psychosocial assessments of the clients presenting symptoms, obtaining diagnostic information on clients and assess existing and potential problem areas, needs and resources of individuals, families and significant others and set priorities in collecting data and developing a plan of treatment. The successful candidate will be a Registered Respiratory Therapist or Certified Respiratory Therapy Technician. One to two years durable medical equipment experience a plus. Please contact Maureen Hayes, Clinical Manager.

CUSTOMER SERVICE TECHNICIAN-Contingent-Grayling Office. Responsibilities include delivering products and supplies to client homes, providing operating instructions on standard durable medical equipment items and assisting with inventory management, warehouse and vehicle maintenance. This position requires a high school diploma or GED, and a good driving record with appropriate license. Familiarity with durable medical equipment preferred. Please contact Brenda Lake, Business Manager.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE PERSON LISTED IN INDIVIDUAL AD: 1-800-424-1457/517-348-4383

OR

PLEASE FAX RESUME TO 517-348-3234 OR MAIL TO PERSON

LISTED IN INDIVIDUAL AD: 125 MICHIGAN AVENUE, GRAYLING, MI 49738.

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3. Employment

HELP WANTED Start now, experienced drywallers needed. (517) 348-6814 Leave message, must be dependable. (-25-1-8/3)

STAKE OUT STEAK HOUSE is now accepting applications for all positions, cooks, waitress, dishwashers. Applications can be picked up and dropped off at the Avalanche office. (-18-25-1-8/3)

ADVERTISING SALES Person needed (Grayling area). No experience necessary, training provided. Tri-County Trader (517) 826-3792 or send resume to: P.O. Box 177, Fairview, MI 48621. (-1-8/3)

4. Services Offered

CUSTOM CLOTHING AND ALTERATIONS are available to spruce up your wardrobe. Bridal wear and home decor sewing done as well as The Pine Needle in The Enchanted Forest building, 218 Michigan Ave. (-1-8/4)

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3. Employment**HELP WANTED NIGHT****MAINTENANCE/ JANITORIAL**

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4. Services Offered

WOMEN FOR HIRE If there's not enough time in your day, you can call us. We hang wallpaper, paint, and clean. Don't put off what you can have done today at affordable prices. Debbie (517) 348-1652, Doris (517) 348-6213. (9/24/98/4)

CEILINGS NEED PAINTING Call Doug (517) 348-8829 or Karen 348-2366, answering machine. (-1/4)

CHILDREHOUSE CHILD CARE Licensed child day care is now taking registrations for full-time care. Call (517) 348-9128. (-1/4)

GET YOUR CAR WASHED for Easter Sunday. Thursday, April 1, 5-8 p.m. at Wagon Wheel Laundromat and Car Wash next to McDonald's. Pull in, sit in your car, give a donation or make checks out to Grayling Assembly of God and write Missions Program on the memo. Westley's Bleche-White will be used on all white wall tires and raised white letters. Come rain or shine. Join in Easter Sunday if you don't have a church home. Breakfast 9 a.m. Jesus' Resurrection Celebration 10 a.m. Have a blessed Easter break! (-1/4)

GREAT LAKES CREMATION SERVICE, Harrison, Michigan. Offering direct cremation, starting from \$828. For information call (800) 451-3084. Carl Smith, Mgr. (-18-25-1-8/4)

3. Employment

RN or LPN 8 Hour Shift

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Tendercare
508 Random
Gaylord, MI 49735
(517) 732-3500

RNS/LPNS - Seeking nurses for pediatric private duty for all shifts in the Antrim, Crawford, Charlevoix and Otsego County areas. Part-time up to 40 hours weekly. Resp. experience preferred—will train. Office entrance at northwest corner of Otsego Hospital. For information contact:

Munson Home Health - Private Services.
(517) 731-2395 or
(800) 968-2011.
825 North Center,
Gaylord, MI 49735. -1-8/3

4. Services Offered

HELLEBUYCK MASONRY Basements, crawl space, garage floors, pole barn floors, driveways plus back hoe service. Insured, call (517) 348-5553. (LR4/15/99/4)

JJ'S MOTOR MALL Detail Shop now open. Call (517) 348-7710 for an appointment. (-25-1-8/4)

LICENSED DAYCARE has full-time openings, meals and snacks provided. Located on Jones Lake Rd. DF200079701 (517) 348-3156 (-1-8/4)

ELECTRONIC SERVICES TV's, VCR's and all sizes of satellites, CD players, stereos, boom boxes, camcorders. Cable installed, antennas. For repair or replacement call (517) 344-0176 or 348-1853. (-1-8/4)

PIANO TUNING AND REPAIRS Rogers Piano Service, Fairview, MI 48621. Over 20 years experience. (517) 848-2262. (3/19/91tf/4)

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5. For Sale

'87 HONDA 250R \$2,400 Call after 5:30 p.m. M-F, (517) 879-4269. (2/18/99uf/5)

A NEW CD from one of Grayling's own Anne Marie Church. Exclusively at Parrott's Perch Boutique. (-18-25-1/5)

FOLEY BELSAW 2" molder planer. Five hp, 220, with molding knives, \$850, (517) 348-5366. (-1/5)

TWO PLAYS FOR PRICE of one. Golf books for sale. (517) 348-2642 (-1-8-15-22-29-6/5)

BEANIE BABY SALE New releases Beanie Buddies, Maple, Britannia, and 100 other styles. Saturday, April 3, 1-4 p.m. Comfort Inn, 137 West St., Gaylord. Exit 282. (-1/5)

NEW STEEL CASE leather couch \$1,000, Tasco telescope 400X \$100, Nordic track \$100, two blue velvet antique chairs \$300. Call after 5 p.m. (517) 348-5601 (-1-8/5)

BEANIES FOR SALE Ty Sig., Millennium, Valentina, Kicks, Sammy, Halo, Glory, Peace and more. Beanie Buddy's Pinky \$30, Patti \$35. Call (517) 348-6767 (-1/5)

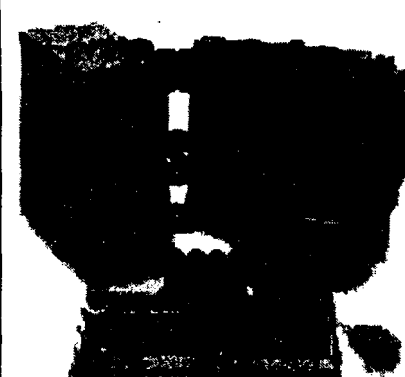
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7. Miscellaneous

WANTED PRE 1978 Bear Archery bows, catalogs, pictures, especially looking for pamphlets that tell about the Fred Bear Museum. Call Pete Kocenas (517) 348-8627. (2/4/99tf/6)

WANTED - UNWANTED snow mobiles. Will pick up. (517) 344-0075

LOOKING FOR five plus acres in or near Crawford County to build single family home. Please call (517) 772-5640. (-25-1/6)

MISSING 3/28/99 Small black cat. Six months old. In Karen Woods Subdivision. Reward. (517) 348-8737. (-1/7)

ALASKAN ADVENTURES Check out Sled Heads of Frederic. Day by day. Web updates from Alaska on our trail condition page. www.frederic-mi.com (-1-8/7)

FREE REFRIGERATOR Inquire at Showtime Collision, 1/2 mile west of the Manistee River on M-72 West. (-1-8-15/7)

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8. Announcements

NOTICE OF OPEN BIDS for installing lights on the softball field at Hanson Hills. You must have proof of insurance and license. Submit bids to: Grayling Recreational Authority, P.O. Box 361, Grayling, MI 49738, (517) 348-9266 or drop off at Hanson Hills. (-25-1/8)

NORTHERN ONTARIO FISHING Walleye, Northern, Perch, Speckled Trout. Six days of fishing for as little as \$215 U.S. Call Earl, 1-705-239-2736. (LR5/27/99/8)

COME EARLY TO SPIKE'S Friday night fish fry. Serving from 4 - 10 p.m. All you can eat just \$6.95. Kids portion also available. (7/30/98tf/8)

COMING SOON Ty Beanie Baby Sale, Grayling Holiday Inn, Birch Room. March 31, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (-25-1/8)

9. Personals

MAPLE FOREST QUEENY I love you. Head Sap (-1/9)

10. Cars & Trucks

MOVING SALE 206 Lawndale. Everything goes sale Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 9-5. 14' cubic ft. upright freezer, Beanie babies, Clark collectible trucks including series one and two. Many other household items. (-18-25-1/10)

OPEN ANTIQUES Higgins Lake, first bank, Co. Rd. 200. Fridays and Saturdays, 12-5. Buying anything old. Call (517) 821-9242. (-1-8/10)

CAN'T FIT THE CAR IN THE GARAGE? Sell those extra goodies quick with an ad in Avalanche For Sale Classifieds. (517) 348-6811

MOVING SALE Wednesday, after 5. Medium size wood stove, table, chairs, refrigerator for garage, stands, Ski Doo Blizzard 5500, studs. (517) 348-2957 (-1/10)

HUGE RUMMAGE SALE Wednesday-Saturday, 10-4, until April 17. 1009 N. Down River Rd., (old Walk-In Clinic). Something for everyone, new items daily. All proceeds going to daycare equipment. (-1/10)

11. Automotive

1990 BERETTA Five-speed. Driving it everyday, runs great, new brakes, \$2,400 O.B.O. (517) 348-5366 (-1/11)

'95 F-150 4X4 XLT Six cylinder stick, excellent condition, 68,500 miles \$11,000 or best offer (248) 627-5527. (-25-1/11)

'87 HONDA 250R \$2,400 Call after 5:30 p.m. M-F, (517) 879-4269. (2/18/99tf/11)

1991 OLDS BRAVADA sports utility. All wheel drive, full power, clean, very good condition. \$6,000, Jack. (517) 348-7430 (-1-8/11)

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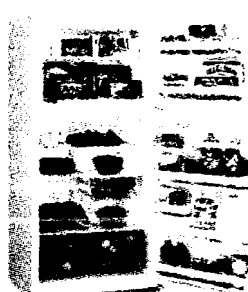
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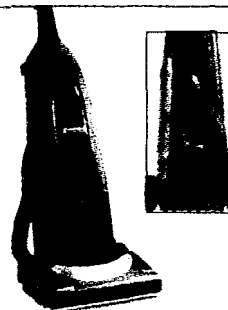
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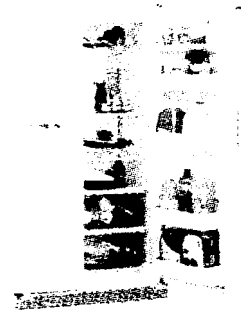
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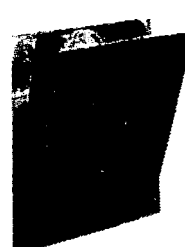
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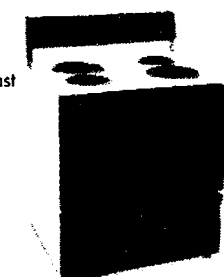
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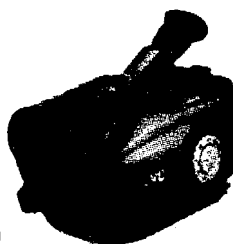


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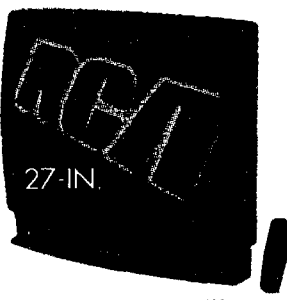
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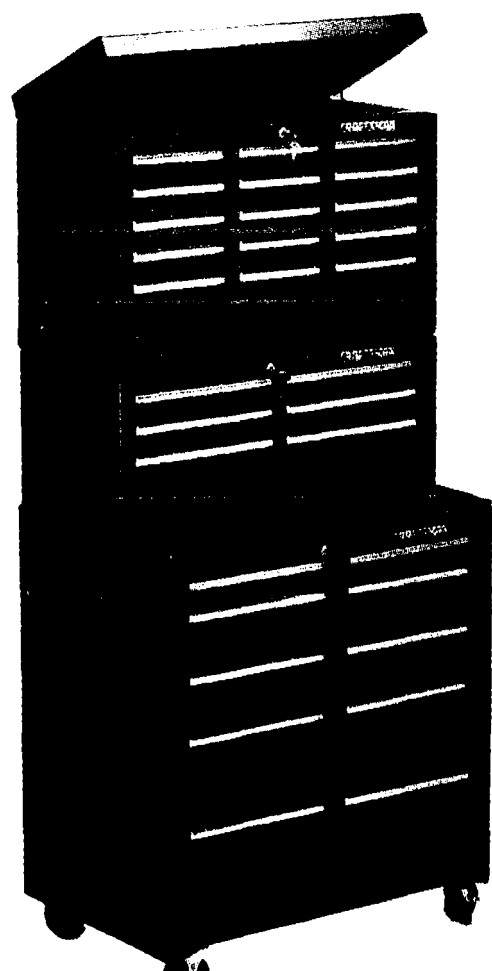
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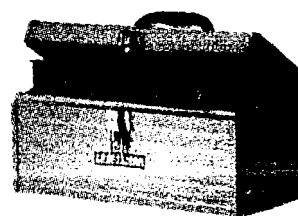
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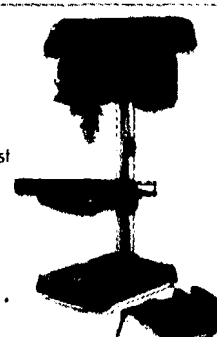
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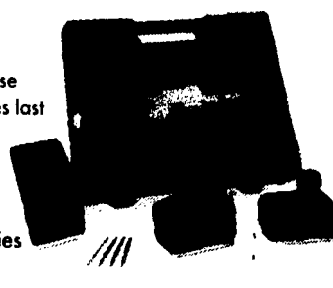
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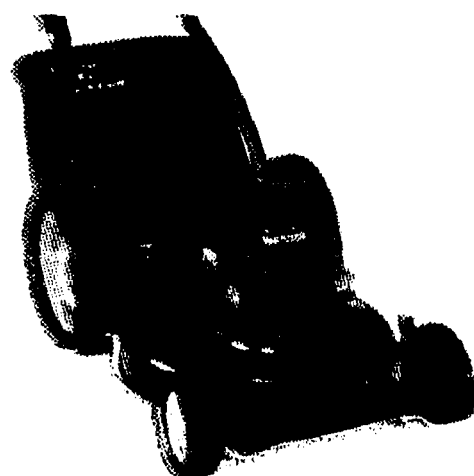
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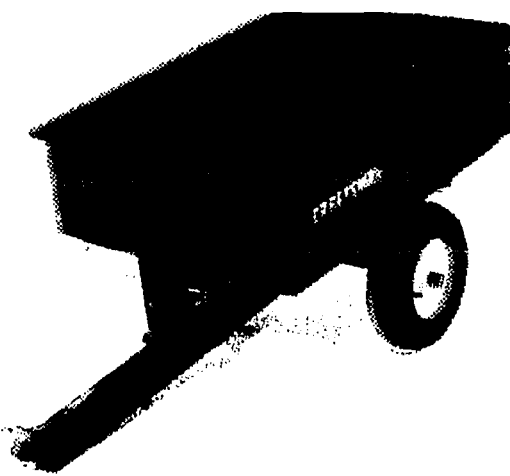
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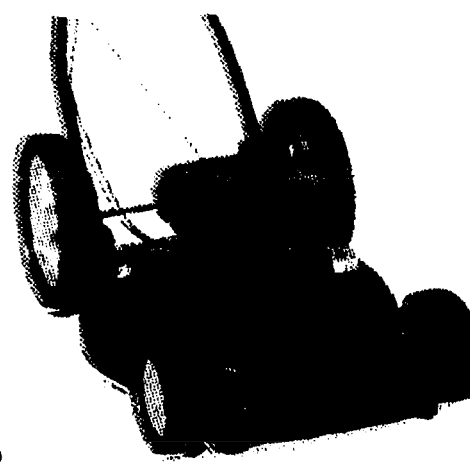


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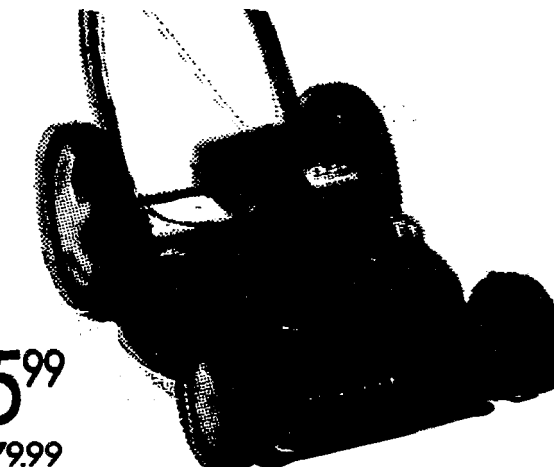
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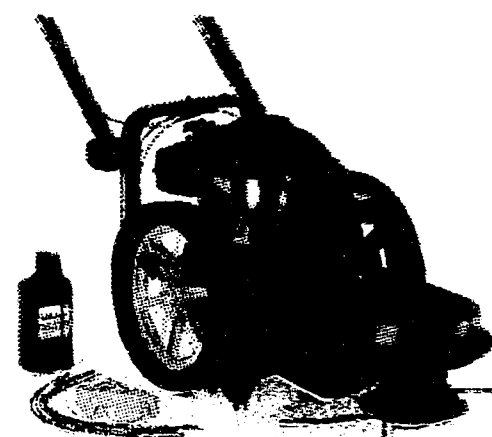
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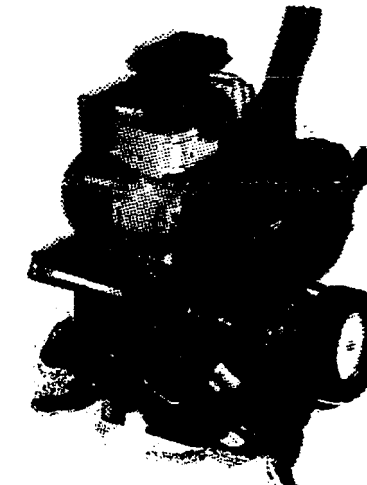
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